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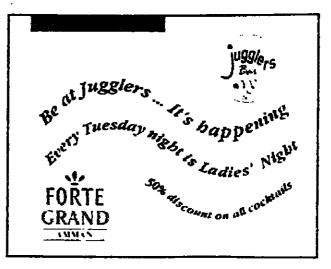
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HEBRON, West Bank (R) — Israel has split in two the shrine where a Jew slaughtered some 30 Muslims and has installed extensive surveillance equipment to prevent clashes between worshippers, a Muslim religious official said on Monday. In February, Jewish sertier Baruch Goldstein shot dead the kneeling Muslim worshippers in the Ibrahumi Mosque also known as the Tomb of the Patriarchs which is sacred to both faiths. Zaid Al Jaban, an official in Hebron's Islamic Waqf authority who visited the shrine, said the division between Jews and Muslims left most of the shrine, sho the threshold between the said religious iert most of the shrine in Jewish hands. He said the Israeli army had installed three huge iron doors, 14 cameras and 61 screening devices in recent days. He said the division effectively left only the tomb of Israe in the sector where Muslims would be allowed to pray. The tombs of Abraham and Jacob would be under Jewish control. Israeli officials said this week they wanted to reopen the shrine soon. Mr. Ja'bari said efforts were under way to reopen the shrine by the lewish new year beginning Sept. 5. The site has often been the locus of Arab-lewish violence, but none more brutal than the Feb. 25 staughter at the complex's Iorahimi mosque. Middle East peace talks were disrupted by the killings.





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to this conference," Israeli Foreign Ministry legal advis-er Joel Singer told Israeli army radio on Monday. "On

the basis of the answer we get

from the donor countries...

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the (dates for) transfer of the

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Israeli Foreign Minister
Shimon Peres said before the

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important one," PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath said before signing the agreement with Israeli Major-General Danny Rothschild at an Israeli army base just inside the Gaza Strip.

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Under the agreement, friend of the Princes Israel transfers control over less was quoted as save education, health, taxation, he too had received he to the too had received he too The princess, estrange of the heir to the Brase during the Middle East war

"It is a step that opens the way for the full interim agree-ment in the West Bank," said Dr. Shaath.

"Early empowerment is a start, spreading the Palesti-nian authority in specific spheres in the West Bank. "Now we have to address own tradition — something that has never happened ourselves to... elections, transfer of authority, redeployment. All this will be on

our agenda as soon as we

Shaath said this was due to a

Palestinian protest at Israel's

turning back a Pakistani di-

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autonomous Gaza Strip.

Israel blamed the delay on a

need to make a few small

implement the agreement." anybody else," Mr. Pères Said Gen. Rothschild: "I told Israel radio. hope the implementation will According to Gen. Rothbe at least as good as the schild, \$60 million are needed to transfer powers. Half is to The signing was delayed for more than two hours. Dr.

be collected from Palestinian taxes, and the rest from donors. The Israelis say further talks on the expansion of

self-rule depend on efficient management of the devolved

For the time being Israel retains control over every-

phase of a year-old peace deal. Palestinian self-rule, inareas on the West Bank. Under the Declaration of cluding an armed police force, began in Gaza and the Principles for autonomy signed Sept. 13 in Washington, the Israeli army in the West Bank must redeploy and the Palestinian police West Bank town of Jericho in May and is due to spread to other parts of the West Bank. Israeli officials said educatake over there before election was already changing hands on the ground, while

tions can be held. This is complicated by the presence of 110,000 Jewish settlers on the West Bank, and particularly by the presence of some 400 settlers in Hebron, where an Israeli killed 29 Palestinians in a mosque on Feb. 25.

"Before talking about elections, the transfer of powers must go into effect," Hannis Yeshouroun, Gen. Rothschild's spokeswoman told

"This is not expected before mid-September because of financial difficulties." Palestinians insist their

priority is to negotiate elections to the self-rule council which have already been postponed twice and are now set for Dec. 15. Future negotiations remain

under a cloud following Friday's killing of two Israelis by Hamas militants inside Israel. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid has warned, "if the Palestinians do not convince us they are doing their utmost to fight terrorism, the continuation of negotiations with them will be comprom-

Israel has requested the extradition from the Gaza Strip of the Palestinian Muslim fundamentalists suspected of killing two Israelis, military officials said Mon-

The officials did not name

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Jordanian, Israeli experts end 2 days of 'productive' talks

From Nermeen Murad at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel EXPERTS FROM Jordan, pave the road for a joint

MAKING PEACE: Palestinian negotiator Na-

bil Shaath (top-left) and his Israeli counterpart

Gen. Danny Rothschild (left) exchange copies of a landmark agreement they signed Monday

at the crossing point between Gaza and Israel

Israel and the U.S. ended two days of talks here Monday satisfied that their meetings, albeit short, will consti-tute a "productive" step towards upcoming bilateral and trilateral negotiations.

While committees, both trilateral and bilateral, went into extensive meetings in this treatment spa, Danny Rothschild, the chief Israeli negotiator on the Palestinian-Israeli track, dropped in for a short surprise visit during which he briefed the Jordanian chief negotiator Fayez Tarawneh and his Israeli counterpart Elyakim Rubinstein on the agreement for early Palestinian empower-

ment in the West Bank. Dr. Tarawneh, asked about the substance of his meeting with Gen. Rothschild, said he did receive a "briefing" on the early empowerment agreement and that Jordan extends its "good wishes for the Palestinians in their new task."

"We hope that it will move as smoothly as expected," Dr. Tarawneh said adding that Jordan hopes that all the details of the early empowerment would be completed soon "so that they can move into other steps especially the redeployment of Israeli forces and holding elec-

Mr. Rubenstein told reporters that Gen. Rothschild's meeting with himself and Dr. Tarawneh was at the request of the Israeli delegation and the "consent" of the Jordanian delegation to "brief us on what is happening."

"This is part of the exchange between us and the Jordanians and it was fruitful." said Mr. Rubenstein. Neither side would reveal the details of the meeting.

While Israeli and Jordanian negotiators continued their regular bilateral meetings on water, security and boundary demarcation, most of the meetings held Sunday and Monday were on the trilateral sub-groups level to discuss the Jordan rift valley joint plan that covers tourism, transportation, a joint national park, customs, trade and agriculture.

The most concrete talks were on ways to translate several draft masterplans. both Jordanian and Israeli, into practical steps that could

A summary report of the expert-level meetings, distributed to the press at the end of the talks, said Israel and Jordan exchanged draft terms of reference documents and an agreement was reached to finalise the joint terms of reference by the end of

The joint terms of referthe master plan will deal with the Jordan rift valley as a ning or as a "zone" in the different stages of develop-

arose between the Israeli and Jordanian sides, the two parties appeared to be haggling over whether to concentrate their feasability studies for a Red Sea-Dead Sea canal. which is Jordan's preference, or adopt a wider perspective towards the issue by allowing for the consideration of four alternatives. These alternatives include a Mediterranean Sea-Dead Sea canal, which would mean digging a tunnel under the Hebron mountains, a northern canal which would run through Haifa, Beissan and then drop 200 metres to produce energy (the Jordanian vision for a

Following is the statement issued Monday by the three groups of Jordanian, Amer-

ing will also review recommendations for joint activities at the November Convention of the American

Society of Travel Agents in Portugal. These recommendations will be co-drafted by Jordanian and Israeli tourism offices in New York. The parties also agreed on arrangements for five "peace trip" familiarisation visits to Jordan and Israel in January or February, 1995 for the U.S. travel industry, journalists, and other interested

(AFP photo) and (below), Jordan's chief nego-

tiator ambassador Fayez Tarawneh (left) and

his Israeli counterpart Elyakim Rubinstein

negotiate at the Dead Sea Hotel (photo by

Yousef 'Allan)

In conjunction with trilateral activities on August 29, Israel gave private sector representatives of the Jordanian tourism industry a detailed audio-visual presentation on tourism activities and marketing in Israel. This corresponded to a Jordanian presentation for the Israeli travel industry at the August 9-10 meeting on the Israeli side of the Dead Sea.

The transboundary park sub-group agreed to partici-pate in a September 11-23 study tour of U.S. national parks. The study tour will include Mesa Verde, Glacier-Waterton, and Cuyahoga national parks. The parties will draft an action plan for development of the Dead Sea Lowest Point on Earth Park at the conclusion of the study

The transportation subgroup agreed that Israel and Jordan will provide five experts each to form a project team on a Jordan-Israel-Egypt highway. The team will finalise by August 29 a scope of work for a feasibility study of the road and invite Egypt to participate. The team will also explore financing options; assign responsi-bilities for conducting the feasibility study, and establish a time table for the feasibility, design, and construction phases of the road. The parties plan to complete the feasibility study by April 1995. The transportation subgroup also discussed development of other road, railroad,

The customs/interdiction ity enforcement techniques. The parties agreed that they recruitment and training of

King, Kohl discuss bilateral relations

BONN (Petra) — His Majes-ty King Hussein Monday held a meeting with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and reviewed Jordanian-German relations and scopes of bilateral cooperation in the political and economic fields with the German leader.

King Hussein briefed the chancellor on the developments in the Middle East peace process and the progress achieved on the Jordanian-Israeli track following the Washington Declaration.
The King also discussed

with the German leader investment opportunities that the climate of peace had created in the region and in Jordan in particular,

The King discussed with Chancellor Kohl Jordan's needs of German expertise in the economic field in order to help the Kingdom meet the requirements of the coming

King Hussein, who is on his second day of his current visit to Germany, reaffirmed the Middle East countries determination to pursue peace following years of conflict that have drained their human and material resources and left behind severe econo-



Price: Jordan 150 Fils

mic hardships.

He said that the aspured peace was bound to help the region attain stability and security for all its people. Earlier in the day the King met Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel.

In Berlin, the King met the minister of culture. Accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Noor, the

King and the accompanying delegation made a sightseeing tour of the city.

The King and the Queen met with the mayor of Beriin and other city notables and

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Majali: Peace treaty after resolution of border, water issues

Jordan Limes Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali has reasserted Jordan's position that a peace treaty with Israel cannot be signed before reaching solutions to the problems of borders, water and security, but added that the negotiation strategy of the Kingdom has been to maintain a delicate balance between the need to solve these problems and sustaining the momentum of the peace process.

"Jordan has always been prepared to sign a peace treaty with Israel, given that the outstanding issues are negotiated and settled to the satisfaction of all," Dr. Majali said in a speech he delivered at the California-based Rand Foundation on behalf of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday.

"But a peace treaty has to have a content and we are currently working on building its content. We do not want to ignore thorny problems ... for we know that a worthwhile (peace) treaty must anticipate such problems and provide appropriate mechansms for their resolution,"

Dr. Majali said. Dr. Majali said that the Kingdom seeks to delineate its borders with Israel according to those established by the League of Nations between Jordan and Palestine in 1922, adding that Jordan and Israel have committed themselves to definitively demarcating their boundaries and agreed upon the modali-

ties for this undertaking.
"In terms of water," he said, "we seek to ascertain our equitable share of the common waters of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers and to work out modalities for future cooperation over water for broad regional cooperation." Dr. Majali added that Jordan and Israel are committed to the proper management, development and conservation of existing water resources.

He said that Jordan and Israel have also agreed to refrain from any actions that could be detrimental to each other's security.

"These achievements are not to be taken lightly. They indicate the best of intentions and promise much; but they do not as yet constitute the substance of just, lasting and comprehensive peace as enrisaged by U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338," Dr. Majali said in the speech.

The prime minister said in the speech that the recent were a "delayed response to the logical progression of the

These breakthroughs took place "against a background of considered long term and carefully negotiated peace-making," Dr. Majali stres-

Dr. Majali said that the peace process will alter the said, the transition to a state drastic change of orientation as the country never sought offensive military capabili-

"However, Jordan must be terrorism and participate in peacekeeping operations under the United Nations."

nised and modernised if they not be attained without the

The prime minister said that an exceptional debt relief effort for the Kingdom is required if the country is to continue supporting the peace process and its democratisation and economic

"For Jordan, ... the pararegional projects with this debt burden.

"An economic framework, covering human cooperation. resources cooperation and security is needed." the prime minister said. (For full

The handover is the second thing outside the five core Algerian, Moroccan rift deepens up more travellers.

ALGIERS (AFP) — Alge-tian authorities mobilised the country's entire transport network Monday to bring home its citizens currently in Morocco, as a diplomatic rift deepened between the two acighbouring North African

The ministry of transport ordered all state-run transport companies to help stranded Algerian citizens, most of them holidaymakers, calling on people to report either to Casabianca in Morocco or to bor-

der posts where buses are being provided.

Morocco imposed a visa requirement on Algerian nationals last week after Moroccan police said they had arrested two French nationals of Algerian origin believed to have been behind the slaying of two Spanish tourists. Algeria closed its land border in retaliation and

said Moroccans would need The first of several special Air Algerie flights from Casablanca arrived back in Algiers Sunday evening and a second one was expected Monday, while other sche-duled flights were asked to make a detour there to pick

reporters observed some 500 Algerians waiting under a pounding sun at the main border crossing at Zouj Bghal, in north-western Algeria, most of them cutting short holidays, and many returning from family visits.

The transport mobilisation comes after Algiers sum-moned Rabat's charge d'affaires to issue a protest after reports that Algerian nationals in Morocco were being harassed following the visa

crackdown.

Bghal crossing also complained Monday about harassment at the hands of

the Algerians. sing the country from Libya with his family for a visit to

On Monday morning AFP

"We had the feeling that overnight we had become thieves, crooks, undesirables," one passenger arriving on Sunday's Casablanca flight told the newspaper L'Opinion, in a report pub-

lished Monday. The paper also cited the case of a family on holiday in a small village, "who were given one hour by the police

Abdeljalil Touzali, cros-

pack their bags."
But Moroccans at the Zouj

his home in Fes, told AFP he had earlier been "grossly insulted" and "threatened with a gun" by an Algerian cus-

toms officer.
"If the (Moroccan) king could hear us, he would cut all links with this country,"

he said sobbing. The precise number of Algerians currently in Merocco is not known, but on average some three million travel there annually

since 1988 when the two

countries reopened their bor-

der, closed since 1975 be-

cause of tension over the former Spanish colony of Western Sahara. The tension resurfaced after remarks by Algerian President Liamine Zeroual last week criticising Morocco's seizure of the territory, saying there was still an "ille-

gally occupied country" in Africa. Then on Friday Moroccan police said they had arrested two French nationals of Algerian origin described as "members of an armed group," accused of being reconsible for the killing of two Spanish tourists in Marakesh Wednesday (see story page 2).

Bhutto cancels Gaza visit

ISLAMABAD (AFP) akistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has called off a planned visit to the Gaza Strip on the advice of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, a foreign ministry spokesman announced Monday.

Palestine Liberation Orgausation (PLO) chief Arafat had advised the visit be called off in view of "difficulties raised by Israeli authorities," the spokesman said.

Mr. Arafat had informed Pakistan that the matter would be taken up with the United Nations Security Council as a "violation" of the PLO Israeli peace agreement, he added.

Ms. Bhutto had planned to travel to the Palestinian-ruled Gaza Strip from Egypt, where she is scheduled to attend a United Nations World Conference in Cairo

Sunday through Tuesday. A diplomatic row began Sunday when Israeli authorities stopped Pakistani ambassador to Egypt Mansoor Alam at the Rafah crossing point on his way to Gaza to prepare for Ms. Bhutto's

The Palestinian Authority protested to Israel, with top PLO negotiator and Palestinian international cooperation minister Nabil Shaath saying that Ms. Bhutto's trip

might be cancelled because of the incident. Ms. Bhutto would have been the first head of government of visit the Gaza Strip since it began self-rule in

Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin warned Sunday that Bhutto would have to make a formal request to Israel if she wanted

to visit the autonomous zone. In Tel Aviv, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin accused Ms. Bhutto of bad manners in preparing an aborted visit to the self-rule Gaza Strip

without informing Israel. "Until now now one has behaved like this lady from Pakistan and I advise her to learn some manners," Mr. Rabin said. "It is out of the question

for Israel to hear about such visits through the media. They should make a formal request to visit Gaza," he told reporters after visiting a scientific foundation. In Islamabad, the Associ-

ated Press of Pakistan announced Monday that the visit would take place along-side a trip to Egypt from Sept. 4-6, but in the evening a foreign ministry spokesman

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commission that would carry feasibility studies on the different projects entailed in

the plan.

September. ence will determine what the objectives of the joint projects are, what sectors are going to study the different projects as well as whether "broad area" from the begin-

ment along the valley line. Although no disagreement Red-Dead canal), or the fourth option of building a

Mediterranean. Both sides appeared sure, though, that they would be able to reach agreement on the "canal" versus "canals" issue by the deadline for producing a joint terms of reference in September.

desalination plant near the

ican and Israeli experts who concluded their meetings vesterday at the Dead Sea: The trilateral sub-group on tourism agreed that the Jordanian-Israeli committee on tourism will meet on September 12-13 in Israel to discuss marketing. The meet-

and port facilities. trilateral sub-group discussed facilitation of border crossing, as well as law and securhave a mutual concern on border officials and law enforcement agents. They will continue collaboration on developing drug interdiction measures and techniques,

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Jordanian-Israeli track of the peace negotiations did not 'come out of the blue" but

Madrid peace process."

role of the military in the region. But for Jordan, he of peace would not require a

able to deter or contain external military threats, guarantee secure borders, counter all forms of extremism and regional and global

Dr. Majali said. He said the Kingdom's armed forces must be reorgaare to continue performing those tasks successfully. saying that this objective will help of the international com-

liberalisation processes. mount issue remains that of (foreign) debt. The \$7 billion overhang which we accumulated as a direct result of the conflict represents a real obstacle to our progressive policies," Dr. Majali said. He said it is very hard to attract investment, upgrade infrastructure and participate in

Dr. Majali said that international investment in development projects in the region are essential for long term development. He said the private sector can play a key role in creating an enduring structure to tackle the over-arching problems of the economies of the region; disparities created by conflict; overextended public sectors and addiction to aid on the one hand and oil revenues on the other.

breakthroughs in the text of the speech, see page 7).

Arabs snub U.S. call to end Israel ban ahead of economic meet

By Nadim Kawash Agence France Presse

ABU DHABI - Arab states have again snubbed U.S. appeals to lift an economic boycott of Israel in fear this will strip them from the last bargaining chip in the Mideast peace negotiations.

Their rejection came ahead of an unprecedented economic conference that will bring together senior officials and businessman from Israel and its Arab neighbours as well as the United States, Russia and other countries.

Boycott offices in several Gulf Arab states, contacted by AFP said they had been given no new advice concern-Lig the 42-year-old sanctions.

The boycott, direct and indirect, is still in force. We received any new instructions " one boycott official said. U.S. President Bill Clin-

ton, addess: ___ Jewish gathering . Chic. __ on Wednesday, made a L sn appeal for Arab states to lift the ban, which he said was the "relic of a bygone era but cannot possibly be justified.'

It was the latest call by the West for Arabs to remove the boycott since a breakthrough occured in the Middle East peace process last year, when Israel and Palestinians signed their landmark autonomy

But Arabs have repeatedly turned down the calls on the grounds the reasons for imposing the sanctions still existed, including Israeli occupation of Arab land and the presence of Jewish settle-

Syria and Lebanon, the only two Arab states which have yet to make progress in peace talks with Israel, quickly rebuffed Mr. Clinton's call

By Elie Austa

Agence France Presse

NICOSIA — Libyan leader

Muammar Qadhafi this week marks the 25th anniversary of

the coup that brought him to

power, with his country iso-

lated by international sanc-

tions despite attempts to

mend fences with the West.

unity and militant Islam, Col.

Qadhafi alienated the West

soon after seizing power,

accusing it of launching a

"new crusade" against the

A natural showman de-

lighting in receiving foreign

guests in his bedouin tent

pitched in the desert, Col.

Qadhafi has managed to

maintain a high international

profile in his struggle against

But amid official boasts

that Libyans are "proud to

resist imperialism," the 25th

anniversary of the coup on

Thursday comes in the sha-

dow of a U.N. embargo

which has made life in-

creasingly tough for the coun-

The embargo on air and

military links was imposed on

Libya in April 1992 to force

the handover of two suspects

wanted in connection with

the 1988 Lockerbie airliner

Last December, the Un-

ited Nations also froze cer-

tain Libyan assets abroad and

placed an embargo on oil-

The international scene has

changed dramatically since the 27-year-old Captain

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while the Cairo-based Arab League said it was too early to consider such a move.

Quoted by the Londonbased Al Hayat newspaper, League Secretary General Esmat Abdul Magnid linked the removal of the boycott to 'assurances of process on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks (of the peace process) and an end to the Israeli occupation of Arab lands occupied in

Diplomats said Arab states feared removal of the boycott would weaken their position in peace negotiations with Israel. They noted Syria and Lebanon had not made headway in their talks, Jordan has yet to sign a full peace treaty and the Palestinians are still locked in negotiations with the Israelis under their fiveyear self-rule period.

"I think Arab states feel the boycott is their only weapon to put pressure on Israel since it is militarily superior and their main supporter, the Soviet Union, has disappeared," a Gulf-based Western diplomat said.

"From my contacts with some Arab officials, I have pression that they re-1 the boycott as a positive rather than a negative factor. When it was first imposed, it was designed to bring Israel to its knees but now it is considered as a bargaining chip to obtain more conces-

Arab states imposed the ban four years after Israel was created in 1948 and the boycott became more organised with the opening of offices in each country.

The direct boycott prohibits all dealings with Israel while the indirect, known as the secondary and tertiary, bans dealing with any foreign company with links to the Jewish state and bar ships

turbulent years in power

Qadhafi seized power with 11

other officers on Sept. 1,

1969, deposing the elderly

fame for a bedouin born in

His idol was Egyptian pres-

ident and fervent Arab

nationalist Gamal Abdul

Nasser and at various times

of Mao Zedong, Stalin and

His dream was to establish

Tripoli as the new capital of

Arab unity and resistance to

In domestic policy he

espoused a unique brand of

Islamic socialism spelled out

He banned alcohol and

gambling, carried out sweep-

ing nationalisations and

promoted grassroots govern-

ment through people's con-gresses, labour unions and

Internationally, Col. Qadhafi's rule has been

marked by failed attemps to

merge with other Arab coun-

tries and idiosyncratic sup-

Libya financed or sent

arms to Palestinian resistance

groups and "national libera-

tion" movements, including

the Irish Republican Army

(IRA) and the Moro rebels in

Opposition to the Libyan

government was ruthlessly

swept aside, wtih Triopoli

blamed for the killings of

opposition leaders abroad.

It was also accused of car-

rying out bloody terrorist

attacks in Vienna, Rome,

the Philippines.

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other mass organisations.

in his "Green Book."

It was a spectacular rise to

King Idriss.

the desert.

even Hitler.

the West.

which use Israeli ports from entering Arab harbours as well as the import of any

publications related to Israel. Israel has said the sanctions have cost it more than \$50 billion while the United States and other Western countries have reported large losses inflicted on hundreds of their companies which were blacklisted by Arabs.

Egypt is the only Arab country to have removed the direct boycott following its 1979 Camp David peace treaty with Israel while Kuwait. Tunisia and few other mem-bers have gradually eased the

tertiary sanctions.
"A removal of the direct boycott is up to the Arab League," a Gulf official said. "I believe Arab states will react positively to any serious Israeli move that will serve peace and enable them to regain their rights.'

Mr. Clinton's call came ahead of a historic economic conference in Morocco, to be sponsored by the U.S. and Russian presidents. The meeting, opening in Mar-rakesh on October 30, is part of Western-led moves to tap the enormous resources of the middle East through cooperation among all par-

The eventual target is to bring Israel and Arab states, and possibly Iran and Turinto a giant common market with a gross domestic product of more than \$700 billion, experts said.

In a front-page commentary on Mr. Clinton's call, the UAE semi-official daily Al Ittihad said: "The U.S. pressure on Arabs should be directed to Israel. We have proved that we are with peace and it is Israel's turn to prove it so the boycott will be Qadhafi marks 25

The United States retali-

ated in 1986 for a series of

attacks on U.S. interests in

Europe by bombing Col. Qadhafi's residences in Tri-

His adopted daughter was

He soon found himself in

the international dock again

when Libyan agents were im-

plicated in the bombing of a

Pan Am airliner over Locker-

bie in Scotland in 1988 which

killed 270 people, and the

1989 bombing of a French

UTA airliner over Niger in

ter Libya denied involvement

in the bombings and refused

Now at the age of 52,

bereft of his main backers

following the collapse of

communism in the Soviet Un-ion, Col. Qadhafi has been

forced to tone down its anti-

Western rhetoric and seek a

He has cut off financial

support for extremist groups

which formerly looked to Tri-

poli to fund their activities.

longer supports terrorism,

offered help to Britain in its

battle against the IRA and

welcomed U.S. and French

Col. Qadhafi has gained

backing from the Arab

League, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and

the Vatican for a lifting of the

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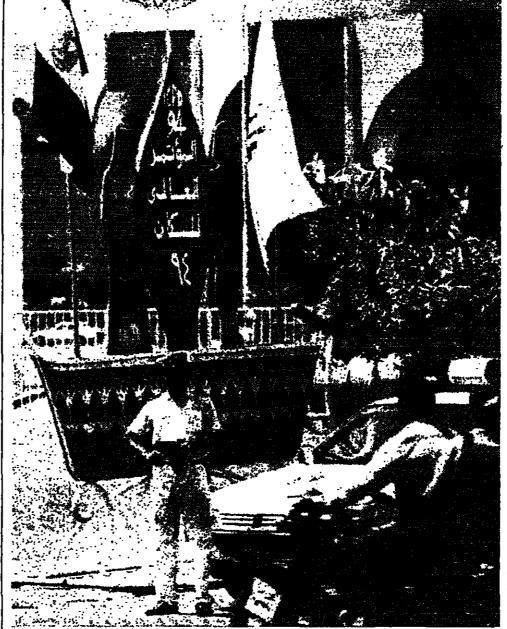
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which 170 people died.

among 44 people who died in the raids, but Col. Qadhafi

poli and Beghazi.

escaped unscathed.



World Population Conference to be held from 05 through 13 Sept. (AFP photo) A policeman stands guard in front of the International Conference Hall in City, Cairo as part of security measures for the U.N.

Cairo: Mother of cities, and of urban problems

By G.G. Labelle The Associated Press

CAIRO — The thousands of people coming to Cairo to argue strategies for curbing world population need only a look around to see the scope of the problem.

Greater Cairo's population has grown from 1 million to 14 million since the 1920s. An estimated 5 million live in what Cairo bureaucrats call "informal settlements" --- slums that have sprouted without planning or government ser-

The air is polluted, grime and desert dust cover every-The bonking of taxis, buses and private cars seems to subside only on Fridays, when the din is replaced by Muslim prayers blaring from the loudspeakers of more than 1,000 mosques.

Coexisting with the sprawling slums are 1.000year-old mosques, modern hotels and office buildings, cafes where men discuss the day's events over water pipes, bars where the young imbibe rock music and beer, and suburban-style homes and tree-lined

Cairenes crowd the streets at night, carrying their children or tugging them along. Young couples stroll beside the Nile, the lifeline of Egypt. Because of the famous Egyptian sense of humour, the mutters and growls of urban life often dissolve into laughter with a well-timed remark.

"I can't find a city anywhere that's more full of life than Cairo," former mayor Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb once said. But he added: "From this comes all our problems: Housing shortages, an exploding population, pollution, lack of cleanliness, traffic, ev-

Cairo was founded in 969, and by the 1300s the famous Arab traveler Ibn Batuta had named it "the mother of cities." In many ways, it also is the mother of urban problems.

Milad Hanna, a former chairman of parliament's housing committee, sees Cairo as the victim of its own success - and of misdirected government poli-

It is not only the nation's capital, but the centre of everything else: Business, education, the Muslim reli-

For years, the government has poured much of its resources into Cairo. Mr. Hanna said, increasing the city's lure while doing little to develop other

"Cairo is living at the expense of the rest of the population of Egypt," he said in an interview.

So many people come to the city from towns and villages, hoping to find work, that nearly one-quarter of Egypt's 58 million people live in Cairo.

Many of them cannot find jobs and a bloody campaign by Muslim radicals to topple the government has made the situation even worse by devastating the tourism industry. More than 400 people, including four foreign tourists, have been killed in two years of violence.

There are no reliable unemployment figures for Cairo, but official statistics put the entire nation's jobless rate at 18 per cent. Businessmen claim the real number is twice that.

Crowded slums and idle youth are a recipe for more Islamic extremists: The

heart of Muslim militancy is Imbaba, a squatter slum of hundreds of thousands that until recently did not even have electricity or running

Master plans for solving the problems have been around since 1953. Although bureaucracy and corruption have interfered, a subway system and highway overpasses have helped unclog traffic. The telephone system, which once took hours just to produce a dial tone, works reasonably

The latest plan calls for building 10 satellite cities in the desert around Cairo. Six are in some stage of development, but the plan goes against the nature of Egyptians, who have lived along the Nile for 5,000 vears and resist moving to the sandy wasteland.

Egyptian nature, however, may also be what saves Cairo from boiling over into chaos.

Islam sets a strict code of behaviour and Cairo, for all its size, does not entertain anonymity. It is a series of neighbourhoods where friends and relatives, jammed together, are quick to point out any infraction of the rules.

Because of close-knit families and Muslim generosity, the homelessness of American cities is virtually unknown. Only 299 murders were committed in the city last year, down from 342 in 1992.

But Mr. Hanna, the former legislator, fears Cairo may finally be overcome by the exploding population and poverty the U.N. conference seeks to solve.

"I see a very ugly, dark picture within 30 years if there are no policy changes," he said.

Israel seeks extradition of Hamas suspects

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel has officially requested the extradition from the Gaza Strip of two Palestinian Muslim fundamentalists suspected of killing two Israelis, military officials said Monday.

The unprecedented demand was put to the Palestinian National Authority on Sunday evening by General Dov Gazit who heads the Israeli side of a joint security and cooperation committee with the Palestinians. The officials did not name

the two suspects, members of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas Palestinian officials have

condemned Friday's killings in Ramla, claimed by Ezzedin Al Kassam, the Hamas armed wing, but said they lacked information about those responsible.
Police arrested 15 Israelis among several hundreds who

demonstrated at Ramia overnight against the mur-ders, the authorities said Monday.
"We have demanded urgently that the Palestinian authority arrest the murder-ers, whose identity we know

more or less," Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday.

Israeli police suspected five Palestinian workers from Rafah in the autonomous Gaza Strip were responsible

for the Ramlah killings. In a huge crackdown police? inspected about 1,000 build ing sites, workshops and farms and sent 400 workers without permits back to the territories. The two Israelis were stabbed to death at a building site.
PLO Chairman Yasser

Arafat said the killings were the result of a "workers' brawl" and not a "military operation". Mr. Rabin dismissed the claim as "rub-

The Israeli cabinet unanimously endorsed Sunday a landmark accord on "early empowerment" which gives Palestinians in the Israelioccupied West Bank the -. chance to run their own affairs for the first time - in the fields of education, health, welfare, tourism, and direct taxation.

It was to be signed by Israel and the Palestinian anthority Monday at the Erezcrossing linking the autonomous Gaza Strip with Israel.

Morocco arrests 4 gunmen

RABAT (R) — Morocco has arrested four gunmen on North African origin suspected of carrying out a series of armed robberies, including an attack on a hotel in which two Spanish toiurists were killed, the interior ministry

Police also seized an arsenal of weapons in a house owned by the father of one of the gunmen in the Rif mountain village Aknowl north of Fez, the ministry said late on

Arrested in the central city of Fez and the nearby town of Taourirt on Thursday and Saturday, two of the men arrested are of Algerian origin and the other two are Moroccans, one of them a French national. All are resi-

dent in France, the ministry

Their arrests and the sei-zure of a large quantity of firearms and ammunition followed a government. announcement on Saturday that it would demand entry visas for visitors of Algerian nationality or origin and oblige those already in the country to report to the

Neighbouring Algeria-reacted by closing its border with Morocco and instituting visas for Moroccans wishing to visit the country, touching off a full-blown row between. the two states which have; long been at loggerheads.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Moroccan residents of Algeria allowed to re-enter

ALGIERS (AFP) - Moroccans with residence permits will not need entry visas to get back to Algeria, an Algerian Transport Ministry official said Monday. The announcement came in the midst of a tit-for-tat dispute between the North African nations which bagan Friday when Morocco imposed a visa requirement on resident Algerians and tourists. Algeria closed its land border Saturday and said Moroccans would henceforth need visas to visit Algeria. Transport Ministry official Ali Salah said in a radio broadcast that Moroccans who officially live in Algeria, numbering about 50,000, could re-enter Algeria upon presentation of their residence permit at the border.

Musa to visit Israel today

TEL AVIV (AP) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa is making the most high-profile visit by an Egyptian leader to Israel in years, on Tuesday, Aug. 30, Israel announced Sunday. Mr. Musa will spend two days in the Jewish state, meeting Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, right-wing opposition leaders Benjamin Netanyahu, Arab lawmakers and Israeli business people. Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in 1979, but relations cooled after Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982, and Egyptian cabinet ministers virtually ceased visits in the mid-1980's. Ties have warmed since Mideast peace talks started in 1991, but Mr. Musa would be the highest ranking Egyptian to make a ceremonial visit in about a decade. Mr. Musa has been to Israel in the past but only for brief stays confined to working visits, the Israeli statement said.

Guerrillas set off bomb near SLA patrol

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon (R) — Guerrillas set off a bomb near an Israeli-backed militia patrol in Israel's occupation zone in southern Lebanon on Monday, security sources said. No one was hurt in the explosion. The sources said the bomb exploded as South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen patrolled a road between the areas of Aramta and Rihane on the edge of the border buffer zone in the south. After the blast, SLA gunners strafed the area around the blast site with artillery and machineguns, the sources added.

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Amman, Miami to sign city twinning agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — A deegation representing the city of Miami, Florida in the U.S. mil visit Jordan in November to sign an agreement on twinming Amman with the American, Atlantic coastal city and to discuss cooperation in municipal affairs and ser-

Amman Mayor Mamdouh Abbadi announced the planled visit following his return Monday from an international meeting of mayors held in New York between Aug. 18 and 28 during which issues of ommon concern to munici-Polities around the world

ere discussed. During his stay in New fork, Dr. Abbadi said he reached an initial agreement on the twinning of the two lities with the mayor of

income tax amendments discussed

AMMAN (Petra) — A committee entrusted with introduc-

ing amendments to the Income Tax Law met Monday at the Income Tax Department under the chairmanship of

Finance Minister Sami Gammoh. In a statement to the

Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Gammon said the

committee aims to achieve social equality and justice through decreasing tax burdens on companies. He said the

industrial and tourist companies through expanding exemp-

tions related to exports, investments and employment.

King, Kohl discuss ties

littee will amend tax laws targetting in particular

Miami in a bid to promote tal and urban improvement cultural and commercial exchanges between them.

In an address to the U.N.sponsored mayors conference, which was convened to explore ways to promote social development. Dr. Abbadi outlined Amman Municipality's programmes and plans for improving and expanding its services to resi-

The 85 delegates to the conference focused on Miami as a case study, examining its city planning systems, expansion projects and methods of

tax collection, said Dr. Abba-Dr. Abbadi said the participants endorsed a declaration expressing their commitment to pursuing efforts for

socio-economic, environmen-

strong, the King said that these ties were based on

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groups in them. The mayors also pledged to improve the educational, health and housing conditions of the poor communities in their cities by the year Special attention was given

to the status of women and to senior citizens homes as well as the protection of children.

The conference approved of plans for the participation of mayors in the Copenhagen World Conference on Social Development scheduled for March 1995, as well as the United Nations Conference on Habitat due to be held in Istanbul in June next year.

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IAF blasts U.N. population conference

AMMAN (I.T.) — The Islamic Action Front (IAF) party Monday blasted the U.N. International Conference on Population and Development scheduled for Sept. 5 to 13 in Cairo, saying it was aimed at perpetuating foreign domination of the Arab and Islamic

Accusing the "Jews" of being behind the conference's organisation, the IAF statement urged the Jordanian government and Arab states to boycott the meeting and never to comply with its

resolutions.
The IAF statement, which was made available to the Jordan Times Monday, reflected the views of the 16member Islamic parliamentary group, the largest political bloc in the Lower House of Parliament, and echoed the Egyptian Islamist groups who have been campaigning against the coming conference in Cairo.

statement: 1. — The coming conference in Cairo is one more link in a long chain of conference enveloped with false slogans, like safeguarding human rights and protecting the en-vironment and childhood or doing justice to women and

achieving development.

These are in fact aimed at

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protecting the interests of the Western communities who feel superior to other communities and who consider the other nations as being made up of second degree human beings whose task is to please the Western

2. — The Western mentality is secular and materialistic in nature and has no respect for religious values be-cause it is solely aimed at serving Western interests at the expense of the misery of

In expressing the American policy (Draper) says: The countries of the developing world are mere animals which, should they increase in number, the guards ought to interfere in an arbitrary manner to ensure the reduction of the animals numbers. 3. — The Cairo conference aims at reducing the rate of

the world's population growth under the pretext that increases in world population constitute a major obstacle in the face of development plans; and at enhancing the role of the United Nations. - which is now totally under American hegemony - to serve as a world government ruling the world.

The conference also aims at foiling the Third World nations' drive to utilise natur-

demand until the year 2000.

Jordan's overall 1993 con-

sumption of crude oil and

natural gas was 3.9 million

tonnes, a figure which is ex-

pected to rise to 4.4 million in

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Of these amounts, the elec-

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ery, five per cent and other sectors 11 per cent. He added that natural gas

produced by Risheh fields

represents the sole locally-

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In 1993, the Risheh gas

amounted to 152,000 tonnes

He said the Kingdom's bill for crude oil and oil products,

which ranges between 10 to

12 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), is

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al resources at their disposal so that they remain stored for the West's benefit.

The West consumed more than 80 per cent of the world's natural resources for the benefit of less than 20 per cent of the world's popula-

4. — In order to achieve these goals the world conference's programme demands that Third World nations delay the age of marriage, delay pregnancy, reduce the rate of fertility to the lowest possible level, which can be done through legalising abortion that entails killing innocent lives for the sake of ensuring the success of the United States project that was de-clared by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger who said: The Third World population growth is tanta-mount to an aggression on

U.S. national security. 5. — This conference is shamelessly calling on nations to approve licentious sexual relationships and extramarital sex, and is urging people to condone homosexuality in the name of freedom and equality, thus violating religious values and moral principles.

6. — To ensure the success of this project, the organisers are linking aid offered to developing nations to these nations' commitment to implementing the conference's programme, claiming that development can only be achieved through this recipe.

7. — Despite the Jews' drive to increase their number one can see that Jewish fingers are behind such projects because it is the Jews who hope to reap the greatest benefits from this programme since it aims at reducing population density which constitutes a danger for the Jews, especially once these nations which surround the Jewish state have attained the necessary skill to induce genuine development and acquire appropriate technology for achieving that goal.

The IAF views the coming conference as one marked with an aggressive spirit which is inherent in this programme which contradicts human nature and religious values.

This conference aims as perpetuating the colonialist and expansionist just of pillaging the wealth of Third World nations.

The IAF highly values the daring voices that have already condemned the conference and these include Al Azhar Al Sharif University and its august scholars, Dar Al Iftaa of Egypt, the Islamic Brotherhood in Egypt and scholars like Sheikh Mohammad Ghazali, Sheikh Hafez Salameh and honourable writers as well as the Vatican which has already voiced its strong opposition to the con-ference and the two Jordanian parliament members Mohammad Oweida and Khalil Haddadin who have declared their boycott of the

The IAF calls:

1. - On the Jordanian government and other Arab and Islamic governments to boycott the projected conference because it constitutes a flagrant aggression on the family institution, social structure and moral and spiritual values.

2. — On Arab and Islamic peoples to reject the outcome and the resolution of the coming conference as these are non-binding to them, but merely represent the signatories alone.

3. - The educational, cultural and information institutions to spread awareness among the Islamic communities against the dangers inherent in this conference and its likes and to strive towards immunising the family and the community through educational prog-

Ministry drills for more gas in Risheh district meet the expected increase in

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources is drilling additional gas wells in Al Risheh district near the Iraqi border in a bid to increase the quantities of extracted gas used to generate electricity, Minister Talal Ureigat said Monday.

In addition to the six existing gas wells as Al Risheh which combined produce 26 million cubic feet of natural gas daily, the ministry is searching for other sources to increase the gas output and raise to 20 per cent from 15 per cent the total amount of electric power produced by natural gas in Jordan, said Mr. Ureiqat in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Monday.

The gas produced at Al Risheh is currently driving three electricity-generating turbines, and work is under way for the installation of a fourth turbine in the same area to boost electricity generation and meet the growing demand for electric power in the country, added Mr. Urei-

A report by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) published last June said the demand for electric power last year registered an increase of 8.4 per cent.

In light of this report, JEA

said it was implementing a

short-term plan until the end of 1994 entailing intensive surveillance of Al Risheh area to prospect for more natural gas, according to Mr.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

British Council announces GCE results

AMMAN (J.T.) - The British Council here has

announced the results of the British GCE Ordinary and

Advanced level examinations of June. The council said that

a total of 660 examinations were taken; with a pass rate of

73.5% at A' level and 71.4% at O' level. At A' level the

most popular subject was classical Arabic. Sixty five

students sat for this exam and 58 passed the exam, said a

46 firms display product at Damascus fair

DAMASCUS (Petra) - Jordan is currently participating

in the Damascus International Fair which was opened in

the Syrian capital Sunday. Forty-six Jordanian firms are displaying an assortment of national products, said Mustafa Khreisat, the director of the Jordanian pavilion Monday.

The 900-square-metre Jordanian display area contains

exhibits of engineereing, construction, food, medical furniture, textile and packaging products, said Mr. Khreisat. "Companies from 44 countries are displaying

The ministry is also working on oil exploration in the 1994-98 development plan to

KJ plans new Asian routes

AMMAN (J.T.) — Anticipating on increase in the volume of air traffic between Jordan and countries of Southeast Asia and the Far East in view of the coming peace, Royal Jordanian (RJ) plans to open new routes and establish offices in several Asian countries soon, according to RJ President and Chief Executive Officer Nader Dahabi.

In a statement quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Monday Mr. Dahabi said that next summer RJ will operate two weekly flights to Osaka, Japan, a move which is meant to help boost the tourism industry in Jordan and contribute to the strengthening of economic and cultural relations between Japan and the Kingdom.

Mr. Dahabi said RJ seeks to stimulate the work of its area offices in Southeast Asia and the Far East. RJ has offices in Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Jakarta and off-line offices in Australia, the Philippines,



Nader Dahabi

Japan, China, Hong Kong and S. Korea.

The two-day meeting of RJ area managers in Southeast Asia and the Far East which ended Monday, focused on these topics, said Mr. Daha-

civil aviation delegation from Brunei is in Amman to negotiate direct air transport links with Jordan.

Meanwhile, RJ is preparing to conclude separate air transport agreements with

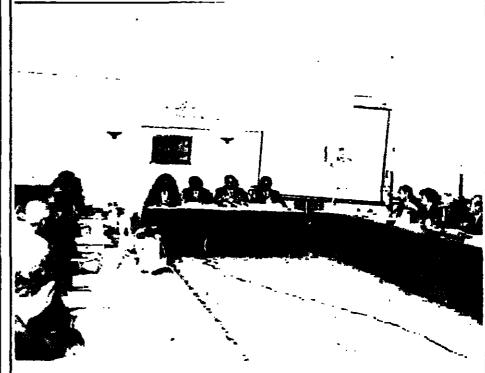
the Philippines and Vietnam, said Mr. Dahabi, adding that both accords will be signed

In addition, RJ is currently working on an amendment to an air transport agreement

with Thailand, he said. RJ revenues from its operations to Southeast Asia and the Far East increased by 10 per cent during the first half of 1994 and is expected to rise further in the second half of the year, Mr. Dahabi

He said he expects Jordan to witness a boost in its air operations, especially in transporting groups of Asian visitors to Islamic and Christjan holy places in the Middle

East. Mr. Dahabi announced that RJ area officers will meet in London on Sept. 15 to conduct an assessment of the airline's operations in Europe. He said another meeting will be convened on Sept. 29 to evaluate RI's operations in the U.S. and Canada.



STRATEGIC ADMINISTRATION: Minis: chairs a meeting on strategic administrater of State for Administrative Develop- tion and the dispute settlement strategies ment Mohammad Thuneibat Monday (Petra photo)

Palestine National Authority condemned by IAF statement

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AMMAN (J.T.) — The Islamic Action Front (IAF) party committed by the Israeli army and the Jewish settles. Monday issued a statement condemning the Palestine National Authority for an alleged crack down on groups belonging to the Islamic resistance group Hamas, demanding that campaigns for arresting the Hamas mem-

bers stop immediately. The statement, which was made available to the Jordan Times Monday, said that the resistance fighters in Gaza Strip are continually facing a Zionist-concocted conspiracy executed by the Palestine National Authority (PNA).

He said "I am happy to This authority, under have this opportunity to visit direct pressure from Israeli our friends and to speak to Prime Minister Yitzhak them about so much that is happening in our part of the Rabin, has been arresting tens of Hamas members and has been searching homes for "We hope that our friends weapons to render the will be our partners in shaping the new future" for us all. Palestinian people defenceless in the face of massacres

charged the statement.

The head of the Palestine self-rule authority has pledged before the Israelis to chase away what he called "Hamas terrorism." thus serving the goals of Zionism and the enemies of the Palestinian people, said the statement.

It accused the Palestine self-rule police of firing on citizens in Rafah area causing the death and injury of tens of people.

Out of concern over the continued struggle of our people and their national uniwe hold the self-rule leadership fully responsible for such practices which can never be condoned by the Palestinian people who are currently exercising selfrestraint, stressed the state-

The Arab and Islamic masses, warned the statement, can never forgive those who conspire against them on strip them of their weapons used for self-defence. The statement urged the Arab people everywhere to

extend a helping hand to the Palestinian peole, and called for an immediate end to arrests of resistance groups. It said that the conspiracy involving Palestinian police against the resistance fighters should stop and that search campaigns for weapons must

The statement demanded that the political groups of the Arab and Islamic worlds urge the Palestine National Authority to halt such policies and refrain from helping to achieve Zionists' objec-

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins) and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify (the listed time * ABC News Highlights and McNeil-Lehrer and place with the concerned institutions.

DANCE The Performance of Circussian dances at the

FILM

Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00.

★ Short television film entitled "What If My Shadow Dies?" at Abdul Hameed Shoms Foundation in Jabai Amman at 7:30.

PLAY

★ Play in Arabic entitled "You Are Not Yourself" at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m. (Directed by Khaled Tariff).

POETRY RECITAL

Poetry recital by Iraqi poet Amal Al & Exhibition of paintings by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfall Art Gallery in Umm and Art at 7:30 p.m.

NEWS HOUR

News Hour at the American Center at 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

★ Exhibition of abstract art by Khalif Khalif and Nizar Younis at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art (Tel. 695291).

☆ Exhibition entitled "Time-2 Space I" by Samia Zarou at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).

 ★ Exhibition of paintings by Fahmi Quyssi at Ab'ad Art Gallery (Tel. 819861).

and Mohammad Yass at Alia Art Gallery (Tel. 639350).

Amman International Auto Exhibition Airport Road (12:00 noon-11:00 p.m.) (Tel

Utheina (Tel. 826932).

☆ Children's school needs exhibition at the

Prominent Catholic priest killed in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) — Suspected paramilitary gunmen have shot dead a prominent Catholic priest loyal to deposed President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, church sources said Monday.

"At 8:15 p.m. Sunday Aug. 28, Father (Jean-Marie) Vincent was ambushed and shot dead at the entrance of his house... they were waiting for him in a jeep and opened fire with automatic weapons," an official told Rauters.

Fr. Vincent, 49, was founder of a literary programme in northwestern Haiti and come to the capital after what heman rights activists say was a massacre of hundreds of peasants there in 1987.

He was well known in the Haitian exile community in

Diplomats and baman rights officials say the military and its paramilitary backers have been targeting individuals and organisations in a campaign to stamp out any lingering support for Mr. Aristide, the deposed populist priest ousted in a bloody 1991 coup. Washington has threatened to invade Haiti to

The Clinton administration's plans for a possible invasion of Haiti have been put on a slower track by the Cuban refugee crisis and other problems, the New

York Times reported in its

Monday editions. The newspaper, quoting administration officials, said preparations for a showdown with Haiti's military rulers nevertheless were con-

An invasion to restore exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide would not take place until after the Cuban crisis is resolved and perhaps not un-til after U.S. elections in November, the newspaper

It said the administration was hoping that the threat of an invasion would make the reality unnecessary and that the wheels of preparation for an invasion continued to

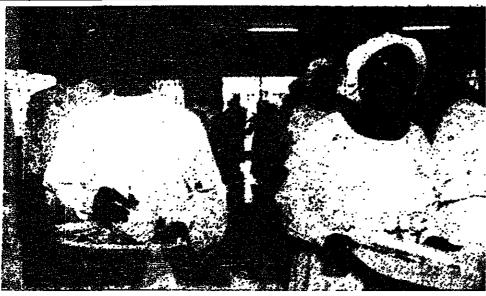
"No one ought to assume that there's been any decline in the urgency of dealing with the situation," the Times quoted White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta as saying. "No timetable has been we are moving to increase the pressure (on Haiti)," said Mr. Panetta.

Talks between officials of the 13-member Caribbean Community were to begin Monday in Kingston, Jamaica to examine plans for a possible invasion of the Caribbean island.

Officials from the United States, Canada, the United Nations and the Organisation of American States are set to discuss ways of implementing a U.N. resolution authorising the use of military force to restore Mr. Aristide.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and Deputy Secretary of Defence John Deutch will arrive Tuesday to participate in the talks, along with Canadian officials, according to local press re-

Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados and Belize — have confirmed they will supply troops for a 300-man peacekeeping batta-tion to follow any possible invasion. Antigua and the Bahamas have yet to confirm their participation but are expected to do so.



Nigerious pray in charch for the strikes to end week of a strike that is crippling the country as the cd workers' union goes into its ninth (AFP photo)

Nigerian oil strike enters 9th week

LAGOS (Agencies) — Nigeria's pro-democracy oil strike entered its ninth week Monday with most of the workers resolving to continue the stoppage, oil officials

An official of one of Nigeria's main-oil-producing joint venture partners said oil workers met very early Monday and decided to continue the stoppage.
The oil unions are deman-

ding military ruler General Sani Abacha hands over to Moshood Abiola, undeclared winner of last year's annulled presidential vote now on trial for treason.

They started the strike on July 4 after Mr. Abiola was prrested for proclaiming himcoff president.

In response Gen. Abacha sacked the leaders of the

GABORONE (R) - South

Africa became the 11th mem-

ber of the Southern African

Development Community

(SADC) Monday and paid

tribute to its once-hostile

reighbours for helping des-

bat crime and underdevelop-

our people... you gave us

refuge and acted as our

ambassadors to the whole

South African Deputy Presi-

dent Thabo Mbeki said at a

for President Nelson Mande-

la who has been told by doc-

lisation spilt innocent blood,

wrecked economies, spawned

waves of refugees across the

sub-continent and created

anguish and social disloca-

tion...," said Mr. Mbeki.

who himself lived in exile

before the African National

Congress (ANC) that is now

the biggest party in South Africa was legalised in 1990.

hent faced growing threats

from drug syndicates that

were moving their activities

to Africa from Europe and

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ing is that experience shows

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is already alarming.

Mr. Mbeki said the conti-

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S. Africa joins SADC

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National Petroleum Corpora-tion (NNPC) staff have re-ordered by the government comed work following Gen. Abacha's order but those in private companies are hold-

Our members are solid. They are not going back to work," Wariebi Agamene, the sacked president of the blue-collar union NUPENG. told Reuters.

"We cannot and shall not go back to work," the dis-solved executive of the whitecollar oil workers union PENGASSAN said in a

weekend statement. The two unions say they have a combined membership of 200,000 workers

and middle-level managers.

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degenerate into consumers

and lastly end up as wide-

scale producers of narcotics,"

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our countries has to be based

on more equitable two-way

flows of capital, goods and

in SADC-member Lesotho,

SADC was established 14

years ago primarily to coor-

dinate attempts to reduce

economic dependence on

apartheid South Africa but

Trade among the group is

only four per cent of total

SADC trade and 25 per cent

of total trade is with South

Africa, whose economy is by

far and away the biggest in

the region.

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"Our new relationship

the region, he said.

South Africa's membership

"Illegal arms continue to

Mr. Mbeki said.

The strike has crippled locers to return to work or risk al fuel supplies and shut many businesses including State-owned Nigerian banks. Most banks reopened

> to do so or lose their licences. Meanwhile, the treason trial of Nigerian opposition leader Moshood Abiola, scheduled to resume at the Federal High Court in Abuja Monday, failed to do so in the absence of a judge.

> On Aug. 16, the trial judge, Abdullahi Mustapha, took himself off the case after Mr. Abiola and his lawyers accused him of being biased. It was then announced that proceedings would resume on Aug. 29, with a newlyappointed judge.



Portugal" receives a painful shove from his sixth bull during

near Madrid, Sunday. Pedrito was later awarded with four bull's ears (AFP photo)

Non-candidates race for French presidency

the French presidency is turning into a contest between non-candidates who pretend to be doing anything but rac-

Eight months before elections to appoint a successor to President François Mitterrand, several politicians are locked into cloak-and-dagger pre-campaign manoeuvres while refusing to say they will

But they risk exasperating voters, some commentators

"What picture do the French have of this political class which swears it is not yet concerned by the presidential election when everybody knows that every act is dictated by it?" Asked the leftwing daily Liberation.

The main politicians seen as candidates in all but name are those riding top in the opinion polls — conservative Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, fellow-Gaullist former Premier Jacques Chirac and, to the left, outgoing European Commission President

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP)

followers of a banned Islamic

messianic sect, but vowed to

"We do not want to arrest

the followers... the problem

is with the leaders," Mr.

Mahathir was quoted as

saying, quashing speculation

that the government would

resort to mass arrests of the

Al Argam sect's members.

Al Argam, an internation-

al religious movement based

in Kuala Lumpur, was offi-cially outlawed in Malaysia

Friday for threatening public

order and spreading de-viationist Islamic teachings.

crackdown on its leaders.

None is expected to throw his hat into the ring until early next year. The first round of the vote is scheduled at the end of April.

The conservative daily Le Figaro dedicated a front-page editorial Monday to what it dubbed "tactical silences." "If the French do not yet know officially who will be a candidate, the partisans of various figures have taken it

upon themselves to whisper the names of their champions," it said. Mr. Balladur, riding a wave of popularity, has said he will not talk about the

election until 1995. But he has been careful not to let Mr. Chirac seize the initiative. Political analyst Olivier Duhamel said he believed Chirac should declare his candidacy before January to make its harder for Mr. Balladur to follow with a challenge. But Mr. Chirac's aides

early 1995. Le Figaro said that Delors, a poor campaigner, had a clear interest in keeping a low profile. "The longer he re-

Its estimated 100,000 mem-

- Malaysian Prime Minister bers nationwide were Ashaari was collaborating

But many have defied the

order and are still wearing

the sect's uniform in public,

and displaying pictures of its

57-year-old leader, Ashaari

Mohammad — living in self-imposed exile in Thailand,

Tension was running high

at the sect's communes amid

speculation that there would

Mr. Mahathir, however,

assured Al Argam's followers

that they would be treated

leniently as the government

knew they were being "con-

fused by their leaders."

authorities said.

be mass arrests.

Mahathir pledges mercy for devotees of Al Arqam

say he, too, will wait until

rally behind him," it said. Socialist leaders are openly banking on Mr. Delors stand-

Supporters of the three men give a variety of reasons for their discretion — Mr. Balladur is dedicating his efforts to governing the country, Mr. Chirac believes a debate on issues not individuals is the priority and Mr. Delors is busy in Brussels.

Mr. Duhamel told Reuters that secretary is par for the course in French politics. "None of this waiting game will damage the three. Un-certainty before elections is normal in France," he said. "The French... know Bal-

ladur will run even if he hasn't said so --- the same goes for Chirac and Delors." That leaves France with no prospect of a let-up in the thinly veiled squabbling for at

least four long months.

The three have not refrained from dropping heavy hints, nor from firing thinly disguised broadsides at potential rivals.

To Mr. Chirac's warnings.

with Al Argam officials in

members to defy the govern-

"They (the sect leaders)

are going around accusing the

government of putting obsta-

cles against the teachings of

Islam," Mr. Mahathir said.

Mr. Mahathir said the gov-

ernment was willing to spare

even Mr. Ashaari, who has

plans to return to Kuala

Lumpur soon, if he stops his

deviationist teachings.

Zainal Abidin Kadir,

director of the government-run Islamic Centre, Monday

described Mr. Ashaari as a

This is untrue."

that unemployment and the exclusion of the poorest threaten the fabric of French society, Mr. Balladur has retorted with a plea for national unity couched in the words of the mentor of both men, the late Charles De Gualle.

Mr. Delors, the most hesitant of the three, has also leapt into the fray. In an attack clearly aimed at Mr. Chirac, he has denounced those who "pretend" that taxes can be cut and the welfare state maintained in-

Other potential runners are further confusing the pic-

Mr. Delors hinted at the weekend that Michel Rocard, ousted as Socialist Party leader and stripped of his status as the left's natural presidential candidate last June, May not have spoken his last

And some commentators believe that Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, who has called for primary elections to name a single candidate for the right, could be tempted to

members as sex slaves.

he has the attributes of God,

Lost bomber found in Australian bushland

CANBERRA. (R) — A World War II Liberator bomber has been found in remote Australian bushland 50 years after it disappeared. The Royal Australian Air Force said Monday that National Park rangers last month found the four-engined U.S. consolidated B-24 bomber in central Queensland inland from the port of Rockhampton. But they found no evidence of the crew, six U.S. Army Air Corps and two British Royal Air Force personnel, an air force statement said. The aircraft disappeared on a flight from Darwin to Brisbane on Feb. 26, 1945.

Farmer gets slap on wrist for growing opium

HONG KONG (AFP) -- A Shanghai farmer given a suspended jail sentence for growing opium poppies in his backyard insisted he used the plants as medicine for his chickens, pigs and fish, a report said. The farmer was given only a one-year suspended jail term and fined 200 yuan (\$35), the Hong Kong branch of China News Service said, because he admitted growing opium and claimed it was for consumption only by his ailing animals, not by humans. Drug trafficking and opium growing is illegal in China, where offenders may be sentenced

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Over 100,000 fans mount mini birthday celebration

LONDON (AFP) — Over

100,000 motoring enthusiasts poured into Silverstone, west London, Sunday to celebrate the 35th birthday of the world's favourite small car, the Austin Mini. Close to 30,000 minis also made it to Silverstone, the main British car racing centre, for the special celebration. A special edition of the famed car, a Grand Prix Mini Cooper, went on sale for the occasion with 35 models priced at £13,495 (\$20,740) each. Since the car's launch an Aug. 26, 1959, 5.28 million minis have been sold around the world. Mr. Mahathir said Mr. coward for staying away and popularised by a series of using his followers to pursue his illegal activities here. celebrity owners ranging from the Beatles to Princess Kent, His Majesty King Hus-Ashaari of likening himself to sein and film star Peter Selthe Prophet Mohammad and lers. According to legend, the of using Al Arqam women basic design of the "brick on wheels" was sketched out on "If he returns and still the back of a packet of wants to spread the word that cigarettes by its creator Alec Issigonis. Sales were slow to we will take action against get underway but the modest him, in accordance to our price, £495 at the time, its law," Mr. Mahathir warned. practical size and a few not-Police said a nationwide able successes in the Monte crackdown had netted more Carlo Rally helped to make it than 130 Al Arqam followers a winner. In 1971, the car's since last week, for distributrecord year, it sold 318,475. ing pamphlets on the group's Today the Rover group teachings and trying to take Mr. Mahathir to task for his which took over the production of the mini in the late 1980s sells around 20,000 a year, all built at its Longbridge factory close to the central city of Birmingham. Sixty per cent of them are for export, mostly going to Japan which today buys more of the cars than are sold in Britain.

Vicar sparks row over tombstones

nified to appear on tombstones in his churchyard has provoked another row by banning abbreviated names, newspapers reported Monday. Rev Stephen Brian, who returned from holiday to find "Tom Dixon" on a headstone erected in his absence, told masons to replace it with one bearing the man's full name. Thomas John Dixon. Dixon's widow Olive, 64, who was also asked to foot the fresh bill of several hundred pounds, accused the vicar of being cruel, insensitive and ridiculous. "Who is Thomas? Not my husband. I would be placing my flowers on the grave of a stranger," she said. "In nearly 40 years of marriage I only ever called him Tom." Earlier this month Brian, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church in the village of Freckleton in Lancashire. north-west England, won the backing of a church court over his ban on familiar terms. Newspapers said the children of the dead man at the centre of that dispute were considering exhuming his body and burying him elsewhere so they could use the word "dad" on his memorial. As a compromise in the latest wrangle, the vicar says he might allow "tom" in brackets after the man's full

Mexican ruling party wins with lowest percentage ever

Mahathir Mohammad Mon- ordered to halt all the group's

MEXICO CITY (R) --- Mexico's ruling party won last week's presidential elections with the lowest percentage ever in its unbroken 65-yearold hold on power, final official results showed.

The Federal Electoral Institute said Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) candidate Ernesto Zedillo won 48.77 per cent of the votes cast in last Sunday's poll. If spoiled ballots are discounted, Mr. Zedillo ends up with 50.18 per cent of valid votes. The Electoral Institute said

both results were official

without saying which would finally be adopted. In either case, Mr. Zedillo's winning share of the vote was the lowest since the PRI was born in power in 1929. If the lower figure is finally

taken, he will be the first PRI president ever elected with less than 50 per cent support. The PRI is the world's longest-ruling political party and used to win presidential elections with more than 80 per cent of the vote before opposition parties began

gaining ground in recent Outgoing President Carlos

Salinas De Gortari had notched up the previous low with 50.47 per cent of valid votes in the 1988 presidential elections.

margin of victory surprised many and, unlike Mr. Salinas' win in 1988, was not marred by the usual widespread allegations of massive fraud. The huge turnout of more than 70 per cent also gave his victory greater legi-timacy than Mr. Salinas' highly-contested win six years

Mr. Zedillo beat his

nearest rival, Diego Fernandez De Cevallos of the conservative National Action Party, by 23 percentage points, the Electoral Institute said late Saturday in releasing final results from the country's 300 electoral districts.

Mr. Fernandez scored 25.94 per cent of the votes cast, or 26.69 per cent once spoiled ballots are discounted, while centre-left candidate Cuanhtemoc Cardenas had 16.6 per cent or 17.08 per cent.

Six smaller parties affected the result.

accounted for the remainder of the vote. Official results also showed

remarks against the sect.

the PRI holding its majority in the Chamber of Deputes and the Senate but the final calculations of seats according to a complex allocation procedure was not expected until late Sunday. Mr. Cardenas, who is

widely believed to have been cheated of victory in the 1988 election, has alleged fraud in last Sunday's elections but most Mexican and foreign observers say any irregularities were not enough to have

Repatriated Russian soldiers find the going tough back home MOSCOW (AFP) — Russian 5,400 homes. In 1990 and 1991, at the lower standard of living and a his family.

soldiers returning from Ger-many and the Baltic states are finding life tough in a country which no longer views them as heroes but more as a burden on the cash-strapped economy. Most of the soldiers, in-

cluding many officers and He said political instability their families, will find themselves homeless, a bitter pill where the monarch, King to swallow for men who en-Letsie III, has dissolved the joyed a comfortable lifestyle elected government, had generated concern throughin their former quarters. Despite massive aid, main-

ly from Germany, Russia has failed to build enough new homes for the thousands of troops being brought home in the final stages of the repatriation exercise this year.

Germany gave Russia 8.3 billion marks (about \$5.2 billion) to finance a programme of 45,000 homes due to be completed by the end of 1995. The United States sup-plied \$166 million to build

start of Russia's military withdrawal from the former Soviet Bloc, Moscow was making available between 50,000 and 70,000 new apartments a year. But in 1993, the army managed to build or recover only 10,000 flats, said Defence Ministry spokesman

Ivan Skrylnik. This is a drop in the ocean for the 640,000 soldiers repatriated since 1990 or the 250,000 to be brought home from Germany and the Baltic states this year.

At best, Russian authorities might be able to offer a home to half of the total, said Mr. Skrylnik, who remarked that "NATO never had to handle a withdrawal of such magnitude."

Housing is only one of the problems confronting the returning soldiers. The major-

ity will have to adjust to a

loss of status as the army prepares to slash the number of troops to 1.5 million compared to 4.5 million in Soviet Formerly career soldiers enjoyed substantial pri-

vileges. They were entitled to a flat, access to special restaurants and their job was for Today, "the only privilege we've got left is to travel free on the underground," said

Anatoly Girich, a retired colonel who served in Germany and Afghanistan. Col. Girich, 49, was in the army for 32 years. He has

only just retired and considers himself well off compared to the younger men. He and his wife live in a flat given them by the state. His army pension comes to 230,000 rubles (\$120) a month. His wife still works

and their son is now grown-

"I managed to escape the difficulties. But my younger comrades are very angry.
They are uncertain of their future and have to skimp and scrape to make ends meet,"

Oleg, 42, also a Colonel and a friend of Col. Girich, echoed this sentiment. Since returning from Germany two years ago, he, his wife and their son aged 16 have had to rent a flat in suburb of Mos-

The government failed to provide them with housing despite Col. Oleg's contract as an officer which guarantees him a home.

Col. Oleg's wife has been unable to find work and although he is paid more than 500,000 rubles (\$250) a month, a relatively high wage, Col. Oleg works as a security guard in his spare time to earn enough to keep

In these conditions, there are many officers who prefer to quit the army and take up a civilian job. Some hope to join the emerging ranks of businessmen and managers. Among those who have

resigned, a select number are sent to be trained as "company managers" under a programme financed by the German government,

But only 7,000 officers a year will be able to benefit from the training scheme, a tenth of the numbers leaving the army annually. All these difficulties are

arming the critics in the military lobby which is pressuring the government to allocate more money to the armed forces. Defence Minister Pavel Grachev warned recently that "we must not antagonise the army" and called for the defence budget to be increased.

LONDON (R) — An English vicar who said "Dad" and "Granddad" were too undig-

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General view of the Kashusha camp near Bukava in Zaire,

where 27,000 Rwandan refugees are currently living in fairly

KIGALI (AFP) - A three-

member U.N. team of human

rights experts arrived in Kiga-

li Monday for an assessment

mission prior to establishing

The new government

formed by the victorious

Rwandan Patriotic Front

(RPF) in July after three

months of ethnic carnage and

civil war has said it wants the

tribunal set up as soon as

The authorities say they

want to prevent spontaneous

revenge attacks against

Hutus for the slaughter of up

to a million Hutu opponents

of the former regime and the

minority Tutsis, who domin-

Koffi Amega Togo leads the team despatched by the U.N. Commission on Human

Rights, which also includes Sahfou Fomba from Mali and

Aby Dieng of Guinea. The

three are due to meet Rwan-

dan officials and the three

U.N. human rights monitors

already in the central African

in a week-long visit, they

are expected to sort out the

modalities and mechanisms

for the tribunal and report

back to the U.N. Security

The government has

ATHENS (R) — Albanian Kristo Mika dashed across a

field in an Athens suburb

Monday to avoid arrest when

Police units closed in as part

of a huge operation to round

up and expel illegal Albanian

refirgees throughout Greece.
Mika climbed up a tree and

perched there for half an

hour until the manhunt en-

ded. On Tuesday he will try

to find another hiding place.

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plementing a ceasefire and formulating a political solu-tion to end the war. The government has tentatively agreed to lift the fouryear-old embargo on the rebel-controlled Jaffna peninsula in the north and has invited the Libera-tion Tigers of Tamil Eclam

guerrillas for unconditional

natham newspaper, in its Saturday edition, quoted the rebel's chief spokesman Anton Balasingham as saying: "The doors are open for negotiation. We are pre-

He also said the government should make a goodwill gesture of declaring a cease-fire, lifting the economic embargo and opening safe land route for travellers to

It was unclear from Mr. Balasingham's comments if the rebels would participate in talks without those mea-

Commander Lieutenant-General Gerry De Silva will the north and the east, where the rebels are fighting for a separate homeland for their Tamil minority community.
The officer said a military

offensive in the north planned just before the par-

The government has also suspended a controversial

not stop until all illegal Alba-

nians are rounded up and

petrol station to support his wife and two children back in

Albania, will spend the rest

of his day in the crowded

Athens subway "because

police rarely storm the trains

while out in the open chances

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Mika, who pumps gas at a

deported.

arms deal with Russia for armoured vehicles, gunboats, helicopters and transport aircraft, a Finance Ministry official said. All were to be used for the offensive.

He said Ms. Kumaratunga, who is also finance minister, had suspended the \$73 million deal and ordered an inquiry. Parliament had not approved the order.

There have been few clashes between troops and rebels since the election. War-weary residents in the Jaffna peninsula have expressed hopes of peace at

some field officers as saying that their men, too, were keen on ending the fighting. "This has gone on too long without an end in sight. I think it is the wish of most

Sri Lanka premier seeks army views to end war pended in view of the govern- way or the other," the officer

> National Party government, ousted from power after 17 years, imposed an embargo on 42 items going to the north. The items included batteries, electronic toys, sweets, bullion, medicines, fuel, matches and other goods. It said these could be used by the Tigers in their

> Another matter that will be discussed is the reopening of civilian routes to and from

To get to the mainland civilians must now cross a lagoon where boat traffic is banned to deter rebel activity. They risk getting shot at by air planes or navy gunboats and several people have died.

The only other way is a iand route, permitted by the government but not by the rebels because travellers must pass through an army

Early results show Bosnian Serbs rejecting peace plan

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Agencies) — Bosnian Serbs overwhelmingly rejected a peace plan backed by friends and enemies alike, early re-Monday, deepening fears the Bosnian war would turn more violent.

Referendum officials said more than 90 per cent of those voting over the weekend rejected the plan put forward by the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany.

The United States has warned that continued Bosnian Serb refusal to accept the plan could prompt the lifting of a U.N. arms embargo on the Muslim-led government, which has been handicapped by Serb weapons su-

There were reports of voting irregularities. But there was no question that the majority of participants, subjected to massive propaganda by the Bosnian Serb leadership, had rejected the prop-

normal conditions, as water supplies and medical care can be

were killed in a fight between

refugees in the Mununga

camp near Goma overnight

Saturday after somebody

attempted to steal the plastic

sheeting used by a group of

people refugees as their shel-

In another incident, a Hutu

man was killed in the Kituku

camp after he encouraged fel-

low refugees to return to

Rwanda. He was battered to

death by a crowd of refugees,

In Goma itself a 15-year-old boy was killed and his

brother was seriously injured

when a grenade exploded in

the street in front of their

home. Their Rwandan pa-

rents work for the United

Nation's food aid agency, the

World Food Programme.
Security for the mainly

Hutu refugees is expected to

be high on the agenda at

Apart from banditry, they

are intimidated by former

government officials, troops

The delegation sent by the

includes moderate Hutus, has

demanded the disarmament

of the former government's

troops and the recovery of

the arms and money they

"Efforts made by the Zai-

rean government to help

those refugees who wish to

return home feel secure have

proved to be insufficient,"

Mr. Kamenda told reporters

Monday. "Steps, particularly

psychological measures, also

need to be taken the other

"We don't want the condi-

tions set up on Zairean soil

for a repetition of what hap-pened in Rwanda," he said,

adding that we are "provid-

ing a discreet presence to

ensure security and the Zai-

rean army is busying itself with the ethnic problems in

The Mununga camp, 12

kilometres (eight miles) west

of Goma, is currently home to around 220,000 refugees,

around 20,000 of whom are

members of the former army.

An estimated 350,000

Albanians work in Greece following the Communist

regime's collapse in Tirana in

1990, earning cash for fami-

lies scraping by in Europe's poorest nation.

regularly expelled, the num-

ber has remained relatively

constant because others cross

the mountainous border ille-

gally to take their place.

Although thousands are

side of the border."

took with them to Zaire.

Tuesday's meeting.

and extremist militias.

the UNHCR said.

provided (AFP photo)

if they return home.

thorities, keen to retain a

power-base, have told re-

fugees they will be murdered

Some of the defeated gov-ernment troops have indi-

cated that they would be

ready to return to Rwanda,

but only if they could lbe

guaranteed safety and

allowed to join the new army

the government wants to

Rwandan government minis-

ters Monday postponed a meeting on Rwandan re-

fugees and their security,

officials said after more vio-

lence in camps around

Zairean Justice Minister

Gerard Kamenda said the

meeting had been put off and

would start Tuesday after-

noon provided that experts

from the two countries hold-

ing preparatory talks had

Rwandan experts returned

to Goma Monday to resume

the talks, one of them told

in Goma over the weekend, Ray Wilkinson, spokesman

(UNHCR), said Monday.

finished their work.

Lake Kivu. They include members of the former government and nearly 30,000 soldiers of the defeated army.

Five people died, one of them a child, and another child was injured in a series of clashes in two camps and

neare Bukavu, according to for the U.N. High Commis-aid workers there, and ex-

Meanwhile, Zairean and

U.N. human rights experts arrive in Rwanda

arrested about 1,500 people who it accuses of planning

and instigating the bloodlet-

ting that was sparked by the April 6 death of Hum Presi-

dent Juvenal Habyarimana in

that some 30,000 people have

blood on their hands. More

than 60 renegade RPF mem-

bers have also been arrested

for summary killings and two

have been tried and ex-

Part of the aim of the new

government, which includes

moderate Hutu politicians, is

to reassure more than two

million displaced people and

refugees that it is safe to

return to their homes. U.N.

agencies are seeking to do the

same and a U.N. special rap-

porteur sent to Rwanda,

Rene Degni-Segui, last week recommended that up to 200

rights observers should be

More than a million Rwan-

dans have sought refuge in Zaire around Goma and

Bukavu north and south of

Some of the soldiers have

resumed training at a camp

neare Bukavu, according to

tremist Hutu militias and au-

A Rwandan mother gives her child a drink of in Zaire where fresh water reserves for the

hoping his luck will last. Athens, angry over the trial of five ethnic Greeks in

Tirana accused of spying, has

sent back across the border

some 25,000 illegal Albanians

since the beginning of Au-

lic Order Minsitry are clear,"

said a senior police officer whose 30-man unit make dai-

ly rounds to arrest illegal

"Our orders from the Pub-

Albanians run and hide to stay in Greece

vater from a calabash at the Kashusha camp refugees are secured (AFP photo)

ecuted.

deployed.

In all, the officials estimate

a suspicious plane crash.

The plan would require Serbs to surrender conquered territory. It has been accepted by Bosnia's Croats and Muslims, and endorsed by Russia, a traditional Serb ally, and Serbia, main supporter of the Bosnian Serb war effort until recently.

The rejection, though widely expected, downs any remaining hopes that an end is in sight for the 28-month Bosnian war, which has already left 200,000 dead or missing.

As Bosnian Serbs voted Sunday, their troops battled government soldiers north of Sarajevo in some of the fiercest action in recent weeks. The Muslim-led government is clearly prepared for more war, buoyed by modest gains

string of losses in the first two years of fighting. Gen. Rasim Delic, their

commander, told the Osobodienje daily newspaper in Sarajevo that his troops are "slowly taking over the initiative" and spoke of a possible turning point."

"Peace is far away," said Gen. Delic. "We will get hardly anything without a

Cmdr. Enc Chaperon, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, said Monday that both sides were firing into a 20-kilometre (16-mile) expulsion zone around the city. He confirmed Bosnian Serbs had a mobile anti-aircraft gun within the zone.

NATO warplanes enforcing a ban on heavy weapons in the zone destroyed a Serb weapon violating it Aug. 5. Mr. Chaperon said the antiaircraft gun was "under the threat of air strike," but for now the United Nations was trying to get it out through

regotiations. In Pale, site of the Bosnian Serb self-styled parliament. the head of the Electoral Commission, Ratko Cancar, said that the turnout at the referendum was over 90 per cent of 1.2 million eligible

Official and final results will be announced Wednesday at a session of the Bosnian Serb parliament.

The plan would reduce Serb holdings to 49 per cent of Bosnia from the 70 per cent they control. A federation of Bosnian Muslims and Croats would get 51 per cent.

Bosnian Serb leaders say the division would leave them with an unviable state and prevent them from uniting with Serbia, the largest of

two remaining republics in

in recent months after a Yugoslawa. The quest for such a union was the reason they rebelled in April 1992 as Bosnia broke from the old Yugoslav Federation.

The referendum was widely considered irrelevant by an outside world weary of Bosnian Serb intransigence.

Even neighbouring Serbia branded it a crude attempt by Bosnian Serb leaders to foist responsibility for a bad decision onto ill-informed voters. The referendum marks the second time Bosnia's Serbs have been asked to vote on a peace plan In May 1993, Bosman Serb officials said 96 per cent of 1.2 million voters rejected a plan that would have divided Bosma into 10

Serbian President Slobodan Milesevic cut off supplies to his former proxies in Bosma early this month after Bosman Serb leaders denounced the plan.

Mr. Milosevic, regarded as the chief instigator of the war in Bosnia, wants an end to more than two years of crippling trade sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia for its role in the conflict. Peace-plan sponsors say sanctions won't be lifted until Bosnian Serbs accept the proposal without

Bosnian Rudio, meanwhile, claimed that the Serbs Sunday expelled 600 Muslim women, children and elderly people from Bijeljina to Tuzla, a Bosnian government-

held city to the southwest. Peter Kessler, a spokes-man for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, confirmed that at least 400 Muslims leaving in the latest

Mr. Kessler said some of them had to be carried on stretchers after days of Serb detainment, but offered no

He said 1,100 had been displaced from Bijeljina since July 17, about 3,000 Muslims remained, but at the present rate "that area will be totally ethnically cleansed within some six weeks." he said

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev met in Sarajevo Monday with Boxman President Alia Lethegovic in an attempt to appeal to the Muslim leadership to end fighting by the Bosman

"I am going to make clear to Alija Izetbegović, in all frankness, the need for the Muslim army to stop the military activities which have been observed recently and which threaten to severely hamper the prospects for a peaceful settlement in Bosnia." ITAR-TASS news agency carber quoted Mr. Kozyrev as saving as he headed to Sarajevo from Bel-

Mr. Kozyrev's trip comes at a time when the mainly Muslim Bosman government troops are making territorial advances in Serb-held Boxnian territory and following an expected rejection by the Serbs on the latest international peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

ITAR-TASS quoted Mr. Kozyrev as saying he planned to thank leaders of the Muslim-Croat federation for accepting the peace plan.

Mr. Kozyrev, who was to head to Germany via Zagreb later Monday, met upon his arrival here with Izetbegovic and Prime Minister Haris Silajdzie but declined to make to make any comment.

On Sunday he also met with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic but the issues they discussed were not revealed.

Abortion debate divides Italy, splits

government ROME (R) - Sixteen years after abortion was legalised in Catholic Italy, the emotional issue returned Monday to divide the country and its government after a top politician called for repeal of a law

allowing the practice. The row over a 1978 law sanctioning abortion has split the government of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and embarrassed his largest coalition partner, the federal-

ist Northern League. League member Irene Pivetti, the devoutly Catholic speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Italy's lower house of parliament, sparked the controversy at the weekend by indicating that the law should be repealed.

Her comments to a Catholic youth conference, a week be-fore the opening of a U.N. conference on population in Cairo, drew widespread cri-

The Northern League, Ms. Pivetti's own party, distanced itself from her call to repeal the abortion law and simultaneous calls on Italy's Catholics to reassert themselves in politics following the collapse of the long-dominant Christian Demo-

"God preserve us from a Catholic party," League leader Umberto Bossi said in comments published by Corriere Della Sera newpaper. "God save us from fundamentalist parties."

Luigi Rossi, parliamentary spokesman for the Northern League in parliament, slam-med Ms. Pivetti's religious

"Every form of religious fundamentalism is blasphemous and goes against the sovereignty of God," he told reporters.

Members of Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia (Go Italy) party also criticised her. But ministers with the neo-fascistled National Alliance — the third main coalition partner — have backed her call for an end to abortion, underscoring divisions within Mr. Ber-

lusconi's government. Abortion on demand dur-ing the first three months of pregnancy in Italy has been legal since 1978, a policy strongly endorsed in a 1981

ment said earlier this month it would not review the law despite pressure from the National Alliance and calls

U.S. would match Castro reforms

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and Cuba attempted to calm their stormy relations Sunday, with President Fidel Castro calling for "persuasion" to stop the exodus and the U.S. offering a measured response to any democratic moves.

Brandishing a diplomatic carrot instead of a military stick, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the administration was not seeking to oust Mr. Castro, even though it has blamed him for the flood of boat people pouring out of Cuba this

"If he moves toward democracy in a tangible, significant way, we'll respond in a carefully calibrated way," Mr. Christopher said on the CBS Television programme Face

The Nation. He said the United States sought peaceful, democratic change in Cuba. "Whether that involves

Mr. Castro or not is really up to him. If there was a free election and he ran, I imagine the people of Cuba might be rather hesitant to vote for him," he said. But, Mr. Christopher added, it was not U.S. policy to seek the removal of "any individual per-

In Havana, meanwhile, Mr. Castro issued an order that his Coast Guard and police should stop unsafe boats and rafts carrying minors from leaving the country — the first indication that both her and the U.S. want to halt the emigration.

Earlier orders issued on Aug. 12 had effectively allowed Cubans to leave the

The order, published on the front page of Sunday's Juventud Rebelde newspaper, prohibited "the departure of persons who try to emigrate abroad with inadequate and unsafe means that carry children or secondary school-

age adolescents aboard." The order said the authorities should use "persuasion" and only use force or firearms in exceptional cases.

"In case the craft is discovered already at sea, reiterate the warnings and use persuasive efforts... without attempting to physically cap-ture the craft or employ any force or violence so as to avoid accidents,"

Seven men, armed with knives and flares, tried to hijack a ferry in eastern Cuba but were stopped by passengers on the boat and later protected from irate citizens by police, the cuban newspaper Juventud Rebelde said

unday.

Mr. Castro has blamed the U.S. embargo on trade with Cuba for the island's economic malaise and the chaotic

emigration.
U.S. officials accuse Mr. Castro of encouraging the exodus to ease pressure on his government and cash-

strapped economy. Roughly 17,000 Cubans have been rescued at sea by U.S. ships since early this month, the largest number since the 1980 Mariel boatlift brought in 125,000.

Mr. Christopher did not spell out how Washington might relax its 31-year-old

country if they were willing to embargo on trade with Cuba, risk the 90-mile (150 kim) one of the few Communist journey across the open sea holdouts in the world, but he the steps Mr. Castro should

Other moves sought by the United States include release of political prisoners, free market reforms and an opening of political life.

The Clinton administration is gearing up for mid-level talks with Cuban officials in New York Wednesday or Thursday on migration issues. It hopes the talks will lead Mr. Castro to stop Cubans from risking their lives in vessels that are not seaworthy.

Mr. Christopher said Washington would talk to Cuba about accelerating legal migration to the United States "if they're prepared to stop the unlawful migration."

At the Guantanamo Bay naval base, where U.S. ships have been depositing the Cuban rafters to avoid taking them to the United States, military planners were waiting to see whether a sharp drop in the Cubin exodus was because of had weather or the new U.S. policy of

refusing them entrance. More than 13,000 Cubans were already housed in the tent city that U.S. troops have built at this American outpost on the southeastern tip of Communist Cuba and troops working 24 hours a day were planning for an eventual total of 40,000.

Only about 400 Cuban refugees arrived Friday and 130 Saturday, a far cry from the situation last week when more than 6,000 arrived in just two days.

EU issues warning to Lesotho king

PRETORIA (AFP) — The European Union Monday threatened a review of di-plomatic and economic relations with Lesotho unless King Letsie III reinstates the mountain kingdom's democratically-elected gov-

Pressure on the monarch to reverse his ouster of Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle has already come from the United States, which suspended economic aid, Britain, which is threatening to follow suit, and South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, which have jointly issued King Letsie

with an ultimatum. In a statement, the Euro-Mokhchie's government.

appointed a caretaker government.

calls upon the king and the armed forces to abide by the provisions of the constitution and to respect the democratically elected government of Lesotho," the statement said, issued through the German embassy here.

King Letsic has been given until Thursday by South Afri-can President Nelson Mande-

The monarch is also expected this week to abdicate and restore his father, Moshoeshoe II, to the throne he was ousted from in 1990 by then military ruler Justin

threw out Mr. Mokhehle and schools have reopened and everyone just seems to be watching and waiting," a diplomat told AFP from the Lesotho capital Maseru.

On Monday and Tuesday last week, the entire country came to a halt when tens of thousands heeded a call by anti-monarchists for a general strike.

The meeting in Pretoria seems to have eased the tension," the diplomat added, referring to talks held Thursday between King Letsic, Mr. Mandela, Mr. Mugabe and Mr. Masire and attended by Mr. Mokhehle.

The three presidents told King Letsie his actions were unconstitutional and gave him a week to reverse his

The diplomat said it was 'hoped" that talks between King Letsie and Mr. Mokhehle's Basotholand Congress Party (BCP) would begin Monday or Tuesday but BCP General Secretary Shakhane Mokhehle told AFP Monday that, as yet, there had been no contact

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lankdrika Bandaranaike Kumarattings is seeking the army's views on ways to end the Il year Tamil separatist revolt, which has killed 30,000 People, officers said Monday. Ms. Kumaratunga, whose

pared for peace talks." People's Alliance coalition swept to power in the Aug 16 general election, has summoned top Defence Ministry officials, armed forces comthe north. manders and battlefield offic-

> On Wednesday Army discuss possible peace moves with senior officers based in

The army officer quoted

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Mr. Berlusconi's govern-

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pean Union said that unless the constitutional process was immediately restored, "the European Union will proceed to a review of the relations between the European Union and Lesotho, including the programmes for development

cooperation." In a pre-dawn coup on Aug. 17, King Letsie sus-pended parts of the constitu-

In the tiny kingdom itself Monday, residents appeared to have adopted a wait-andsee attitude pending the next step by the king, diplomats

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Not by bread alone ...

EDUCATION Minister Abdul Rapuf Rawabdeh is of course right in calling for better pay for teachers but he could be off course if he thinks that salary increments across the board and better economic conditions alone are enough to secure quality education in the country. There are many qualified teachers instructing our students, yet there are those who are not really fit for the job. Thus improving salaries and allowances for all teachers without regard to performance on the job would end up putting the good and the bad on the same level. We are wholeheartedly supportive of improving the lot of our educators but only after failed teachers are weeded out of the system.

At the same time the aim of the Ministry of Education should be to seek out the gifted teachers for special consideration and treatment. Naturally it would be such an upheaval if the majority of the present generation of teachers are left out suddenly in the cold with no employment. What could be more humane and sensible instead is to start a process of quality improvement among Jordanian teachers by providing the most qualified with the most material incentives. Teachers, like other professionals, do not live on bread alone. Those who practise teaching need other incentives as simple as appreciation, recognition and an overall positive atmosphere that are just as rewarding as material considerations. Just as the tendency in the country was against allowing teachers the right to form a union, they should be entitled to have other mechanisms through which they can speak out in a democratic way on their profession and how to enhance it. Teachers themselves are in the best position to plead their case.

There is no effective way to deal with the current plight in education other than involving teachers themselves in the decisionmaking as well as the healing processes that have to appear at the end of the tunnel. Still such improvements in the educational system of the country are only part of the issue. Believe curricule, choice of books, ending of forced sex segregation and above all methods of teaching are also very important aspects of the teaching experience that would have to be

The make or break point in all these endeavours is who is going to make the final determination on such subjects. We think boards of education composed of enlightened people should set the standards of education in all spheres. It must be recognised at all times that the ultimate purpose of education is to train our youngsters on how to think freely and responsibly on their own, having provided them with the basic knowledge and necessary information about the world around them.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Monday called on the government to ignore voices calling for the postponement of the second parliamentary session due in October and said that the government ought to inform the Lower House of all that is going on in the peace process. There is no justification for delaying the opening of Parliament, which ought to learn of the government's achievements in the peace process, said Tareq Masarweh. The government ought to face the opposition with confidence and place the cardiac and table, and saguid realise that the opposition is there and will continue to bug the peace process, said the writer. Expressing the view that the majority of parliamentarians will support the government's views with regard to the peace process, the writer said that the government has nothing to fear and has to do everything possible to maintain cooperation between the executive and the legislative branches of government in Jordan.

AL RA'I Arabic daily praised Turkey for its endeavours to lift the U.N. sanctions on Iraq and for reaffirming Ankara's concern over the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Arab country. Needless to say that Turkey has a strategic interest in a stable and developing Middle East not only because it is part of the region but also because it is affected by ar - "filted, social or economic developments taking mile. It is region, and the paper. The paper Lett Turks't President Subiman Gemirel's strice on at the press conference in Amman Sunday in which he said that the continued embargo on Iraq would create tension and further disturbances in our region that could be difficult to control. The paper expressed hope that the Turkish leadership would contribute most effectively in ending the sanctions and opening a new chapter of closer

relations with the Arab countries.

Nuclear black market: much ado about not much

By Josef Joffe

MUNICH — Psst, wanna build a bomb? Come to Germany, it's hog heaven for plutonium, lithium and other goodies that go into the making of nuclear of even thermonuclear weapons.

Fortunately, that is poppycock, even though German authorities have counted 440 illicit nuclear deals since 1991.

That is a startling number, but on closer inspection the incidents do not add up to Apocalypse

It is grammes and microgrammes, a few drops of caesium here and a handful of lithium there. And the big haul that Munich police proudly presented this month — "the biggest-ever "the biggest-ever plutonium find in Germany, and probably in the world" — was not the real stuff.

It was 300 grammes of mixed-oxide fuel, a blend of natural (non-bomb) urafrom the rest of the fuel.

Earlier in the summer. the world was similarly shocked with tall tales of plutonium and uranium busts in Germany. On closer inspection, the catch turns out to be six grammes of the one and less than one gram of the other. If you want to build a bomb this way, you would have to be very patient. Since your average terrorist is not exactly a bomb Meister, he would have to acquire at least nine kilogrammes of pure plutonium metal. Even then, his problem would only begin.

The basic recipe he can get from a public library. After that, it is precision work of the highest caliber that only an advanced economy can master machining a perfect plutonium sphere, surrounding it with a decent neutronreflector, enveloping it with high explosives all of which must go off in the same millisecond to compress the core into a critical mass.

and American newsmagazines to lead with cover stories such as "Nukes for Sale" or "The Blackmailer's New Weapons"? Is Russia really flooding market with bomb-grade material? And is Germany really the place where countries seeking the nuclear bomb are heading with their nuc-

lear shopping lists?
Hardly. "The European market," a German expert told Newsweek, "consists almost exclusively of under-cover policemen." The chief prosecutor of the citystate of Bremen confirms: "There is no evidence of a genuine market for plutonium in Germany." In other words, it is Amateur Hour rather than Armageddon — a story of countless sting operations netting desperate small-timers in search of instant

An investigating commis-sion of the German Parliament might well ponder why this is so — why the police and the secret services are creating a climate of doom in the name of law the intelligence services extensive new powers of domestic surveillance currently not sanctioned by the constitution. What better way to convince the sceptics than to foster visions of imminent nuclear disaster?

But if there is a danger, it is neither clear nor present... Although it may well be true that corruption in Russia is rising while the state's grip is loosening, there is no evidence that bomb-grade material is slipping out of the country in significant quantities.

Nor would this be very plausible. As a nuclear power, Russia has absolutely no interest in sharing its exalted place with the nuclear wannabes of this world. Yes, there is leakage from Russian laboratories and power plants, and some of the stuff ends up in Europe. But the last thing Boris Yeltsin will countenance is the looting of well-guarded Russian plutonium stores for private gain and profit.

Nor is there a real de-mand that would get the well-organised Russian underground into the game. Terrorists can wreak havoc much more cheaply with that blend of fertiliser and diesel fuel which almost wrecked the World Trade Centre in New York. And rogue states are not interested in a few kilos of plutonium.

They don't want one or two bombs, which would invite deadly preemption. but a whole fuel cycle, which would yield nuclear independence and an arsenal large enough for disper-sion and concealment. Nonetheless, Russia and

the West should take notice. Sometimes, drops do presage a flood, and hence it is high time to put in place all those dams that we have discussed for years - from a functioning accounting system (there is none in Russia) to physical safeguards installed at storage sites, border posts and airports. For nuclear disarmament is now releasing about 100 tonnes of pure plutonium a year. In the

hands of experienced bomb

makers, that is good for up to 20,000 bombs.

The writer is foreign and editorial page editor of Süddeutsche Zeitung. This comment is reprinted from the International Herald

'Racist Rome' By Claudia Parsons

ROME - A series of racist attacks has earned Rome the title of Italy's "capital of

intolerance" and further unsettled foreigners already worried by the rise of the far right in politics. With the hard right installed in government following March general elections, pressure groups say the Italian capital's large

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frequently the target of violent assaults. The latest incident to hit the headlines occurred on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia where five holidaving Romans attacked a Senegalese beach vendor

immigrant community is

with broken bottles. "Dirty nigger, in Rome we burn your sort," newspaper headlines quoted one of the attackers as shouting. In June, a Rome market used as a mass-shelter by homeless immigrants was

destroyed by a fire which police are treating as arson. "Rome has some 70 per cent of all the immigrants in Italy, and many of them live in terrible conditions - on the streets or in dirty hotels with no water," said Loretta Caponi, head of Italy's Forum for the Foreign

Community.
She said the forum was working to pressure the leftist local government to provide facilities for the immigrant community and to apply the laws designed to

support them. The problem is a national one, but it is most acute in Rome because of the large immigrant population, and because of the resentment caused by poor living conditions. Ms. Caponi added.

Ítaly's immigrant population is officially put at more than one million but the real figure including illegal residents is believed to be some 1.5 million.

Racist attacks in Italy are often blamed on far right skinhead groups known as "Naziskins", with their familiar cropped hair, black shirts and Nazi-style sa-

But Ms. Caponi said that less than half of attacks in 1993 were committed by 'Naziskins.''

"It's no use always blaming 'Naziskins', when in fact it is ordinary people like those in the Sardinian attack," she said.

"We don't need more repressive laws but genuine social initiatives from both local and national government to improve conditions.'

She also praised the political education campaigns used in Germany which may have helped cut the hard-right Republikaner vote to 3.9 per cent in the European elections this year, just over half its showing in the 1989 Euroelections and below the five

per cent needed to win a While electoral support for German right-wingers appears to be slipping. Italy's rightists have enjoyed unaccustomed success at

the polls. Their rise has been boosted by the neo-Fascistled National Alliance's attempts to distance itself from the jack-boot image of the Naziskins.

Norwegian writer Myriam Geelmuyden, vic tim of an anti-Semitic attack earlier this month, said the presence of five National Álliance ministers in Silvio Berlusconi's government was a worrying de-

velopment. "I think that with the new government the far right is gaining a sort of respectability. These people can be more open and confident about their views now, said Ms. Geelmuyden, who had her cheek slashed by three youths in the normally peaceful central Italian

town of Assisi. The National Alliance won more than 13 per cent of the vote in this year's general election. Its core party is the Italian Social Movement (MSI) which traces its roots to wartime Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini.

There are some people willing to stand up to the racists.

In the same week as the Sardinian attack, a woman was treated in the same island hospital for a broken arm after she tried to stop | another racist assault.

"I'm no heroine," she said, "I don't want to be the protagonist in this story.



India, Pakistan still far from nuclear-free peace

By Nelson Graves

NEW DELHI - A declaration by a former Pakistani prime minister that his country has the atom bomb could set back U.S.-led efforts to snuff out the risk of a nuclear conflict between Pakistan and India, defence experts say.

The statement by Nawaz Sharif will make it harder for Islamabad or New Delhi to renounce the nuclear option that has hung over South Asia for two decades,

analysts and diplomats said.
"This will make it harder to talk peace, at least for now," said one Western di-

plomat. But Mr. Sharif's bald assertion last week, flatly denied by the present Pakistani government of Benazir Bhutto, does not fundamentally change the nuclear equation in the re-

Nor is Saturday's Pakistani offer to renounce nuclear weapons if India did the same likely to impress De-

India has long said regional nuclear agreements without China, with which it fought a brief war in 1962, are pointless. It is likely to give Islamabad the same answer it gave when Pakistan first made the proposal 12 years ago — No.

Experts are split over whether Pakistan or India actually have a bomb in hand. But they agree each nation is at least capable of quickly making and, significantly, delivering one. Mr. Sharif's surprise

statement last Tuesday, "I

confirm Pakistan possesses

the atomic bomb," was

quickly denied by the gov-

ernment, which put the re-

mark down to domestic

politics. Mr. Sharif and Ms. Bhutto are locked in a bitter test of political wills, and some experts said Mr. Sharif could have been bluffing. But Indian analysts and newspapers said Mr. Shar-

if's assertion, coupled with charges that Pakistan has tried to smuggle in nuclear cent batch of plutonium through Germany, could only stiffen New Delhi's

"This creates a much greater compulsion not to be caught napping," said Pran Chopra of the Centre for Policy Research. India conducted a nuc-

lear test in 1974 but says it has not built an atomic weapon, despite pressure to

"Mr. Sharif's statement has come as a shot in the arm of the nuclear lobby in our country," the Pioneer newspaper said.

Savita Pande of the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis said India should now declare publicly it can build a nuclear weapon and "deliver" it to a foreign target. "It is time to declare our nuclear capability," she

Western diplomats said Mr. Sharif may simply have been trying to set a political trap for Ms. Bhutto. Pakistan has paid for 38

F-16 warplanes, but Washington has not delivered them because it has not been able to certify to Congress that Islamabad has no nuclear weapons and is not trying to develop

Mr. Sharif, according to diplomats, could paint Ms. Bhutto as soft on defence if, in order to get the war-planes, she rolled back Pakistan's nuclear programme under U.S. pressure.

Sharif's statement could have been an "arranged leak," made with Ms. Bhutto's blessing, to put press-ure on Washington to build up Pakistan's conventional

"The logic is simple," the Patriot newspaper wrote. "In the absence of sophisticated conventional weapons Pakistan has to rely on the nuclear option in any future war with In-

One Western diplomat said Mr. Sharif's remark played into the hands of India, which has been desperately trying to depict Pakistan as a reckless nuclear power and threat to world peace. "The Indians are glee-

ful," the envoy said.
But Mr. Chopra said while it might be harder now to rid the subcontinent of atomic weapons, Washington and New Delhi seemed finally to be converging towards a common nuclear goal.

For years Washington has unsuccessfully pressed India and Pakistan to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would bar them from developing nuclear weapons. U.S. officials, including Defence Secretary William

be unrealistic to roll back the two countries' nuclear Instead Washington appears to want them to freeze their programmes and, through confidencebuilding measures, minimise the risk they would use

Perry, said recently it would

nuclear weapons against one another. That was India's apparent goal when it recently asked Pakistan to sign a ioint nuclear "no-first-use" pledge.

LETTERS

Fee not too high

To the Editor:

CHRIS LARTER's accusation (letters, Jordan Times, Aug. 27) that the Ministry of Tourism and the cabinet wish to make some tourists feel unwelcome is, to say the least, a distortion of the truth.

As a young engineer, travelling in Europe many years ago, I found that most museums were inaccessible to me due to my limited budget. I did not feel a grudge nor did i accuse the French ministry of tourism for instance of charging exorbitant rates for the boat rides, the Eiffel Tour climb, admission to museums etc. It is a sad fact of life that in the world there will always be the "haversack brigade" who cannot expect to visit everyplace during their visits

We, in Jordan, need to improve the return on our national, inherited archaeological treasures in order to better take care of them without dipping into budgets allocated for other sectors. Increasing fees is a step in the right direction. The JD20 fee is very reasonable and should be maintained. I also recommend a review upwards of all other admission fees around Jordan in order to reflect

On the other hand, I fully support R. Ghul's complaint about the deplorable state of some of the resthouses in

major archaeological sites around Jordan (letters, Jordan Times, Aug. 27). I suggest that toilets: for instance are completely rebuilt and an admission fee of around 100 to 150 fils be applied,

same as in most such installations in Europe. A person or more could be made in charge of these toilets and be paid directly and generously from the fees collected, thus offering a major incentive to keep these clean all the time. Inspectors will visit these sites regularly and replace the staff if the sanitary conditions fall below the level of "excellent."

It is high time that this issue was resolved once and for

However, on the subject of the high cost of a soda can of JD 1,800, I can mention that this practice is common all over the world. In Europe, this summer, we had to pay frequently around JD 1,200 to 1,500 for ½ litre of water!

Freddy Lama,

Shocking remarks

To the Editor:

IT IS Interesting to read what an American writes to her ambassador about her concept of embassy and home, so I started reading E. Yaghi's "Someplace called home," (The Jordan Times, Aug. 25-26). But I was very shocked when I read Mrs. Yaghi's comment on the personnel of the library of the American Centre: Their command of English as well as their attitude to library users, including Mrs. Yaghi. The librarian, according to her, is "kind of stuffy and does not-seem to speak much English" and her helper "seems to be in even a worse state.

As a very frequent user of the liberary in the last 20 years or so, I feel that I should respond to Mrs. Yaghi's remarks. I have always received the most active, positive and ready assistance from the personnel of the liberary, especially the present librarian and her assistant who have been in the library for the past several years. Whether I search for an article, a periodical, a book, a movie or a video-tape, I have always found them ready to help. I can easily say, without any hesitation, that they go out of their way to

Nor was their help to me a matter of exception; I have noticed the same help offered to any library user who sought their help during my frequent, lengthy visits to the library. Their English is indeed very good - anyone can visit the library of the American Centre and verify this for him/herself. It is to the present personnel of the liberary of the American Centre, and to those who occupied their position before them, that I have been able to keep up with what is new in the field of my specialisation and to impart it to hosts of my graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Jordan.

> Issam Safady. Professor of English. University of Jordan,

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Rome delayed response to logical progression of Madrid peace process — Majali Prime minister urges exceptional debt relief effort for the Kingdom

'Jordan must be able to deter or contain external military threats' cess has made significant strides towards resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the Palestine question that lies at its heart on the Palestinian-Israeli track, the mutual re-

> tion of the Palestinian autonomy accord, were vital achievements. The PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, are negotiating directly with Israel. They are installed in Gaza and Jericho, and conduct their affairs under hard conditions with a certain degree of freedom. Their des-tiny is at last in their own hands. For all the Arab parties, this is cause for optimism, representing as it does the beginning of a new era in

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the region. On the Jordanian-Israeli track, the common agenda for peace talks with Israel has been vitally important. The significance of this agenda, agreed last year, cannot be overestimated. It has provided a framework for substantive negotiations, and given us a workable context within which to carry out a series of moves designed to breach the gap between the sides, both at the negotiating table and among domestic constituencies.

The range of agreements reached in Washington two months ago were the first fruits of the common agenda. At that time, Jordan and Israel formed a joint commission to deal with the issues of borders, security, water and the environment. We agreed to undertake a number of common projects, including the construction of a Red Sea coastal road. And we agreed, our talks in the region. So it was that bilateral Jordanian-Israeli direct talks took place last month at Wadi Araba, denoting the start of a new phase in the relationship between our two countries. These talks dealt with the questions that are the actual substance of peace: The concrete building blocks that

form its architecture. Jordan has always been prepared to sign a peace treaty with Israel, given that the ontstanding issues are negotiated and settled to the satisfaction of all. There would be no point in conducting peace talks otherwise. But a peace treaty has to have a content, and we are currently working on building its content. We do not want to ignore thorny problems, and hope that they will resolve themselves at a later date: for we know that a worthwhile treaty must anticipate such problems, and provide appropriate mechan-

sms for their resolution. In

ders, water and security have to be dealt with before any treaty can be signed. Our negotiating strategy has been to maintain a delicate balance between the need to address all the details of these items on the one hand, and the need to sustain the momen-

tum of peace on the other. Perhaps the best way to indicate to you the nature of the task at hand would be to outline our goals in each of the outstanding areas. In terms of borders, we

seek to delineate the border established by the League of Nations in 1922 and subsequently recognised by the U.N. as the Jordanian-Palestinian border. In the Wadi Araba talks, Jordan and Israel committed themselves to definitively demarcating the boundary, and agreed upon modalines. In terms of water, we seek

to ascertain our equitable share of the common waters of the Jordan and Yarmouk rivers, and to work out modalities for future cooperation over water for broad regional cooperation, in the form of joint projects or sea water desalination, will ultimately be needed. I am pleased to tell you that both sides are now committed to the proper management, development and conservation of existing water resources, and to coop-

eration in the future. Finally, both sides have abjured any actions detrimental to each other's security. These negotiating achievements are not to be taken lightly. They indicate the best of intentions, and promise much; but they do not as yet constitute the substance of just, lasting and visaged by U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and

However, the progress made by our negotiators was sufficiently encouraging that the leaders of our two countries opted to meet in Washington, and to provide a public boost to the peace Drocess.

The meeting in Washington July 25 between His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin thus came as the culmination of all our endeavours. The Washington Declaration, which they signed on the White House lawn together with President Clinton, is a key document in the history of our countries, marking a significant turning point in

the Arab-Israeli conflict. The declaration officially ends the state of belligerency between Jordan and Israel. while explicitly recognising that stability and growth must be assured and seen to be



Dr. Abdul Salam Majali

assured. I have no doubt that this is well within our capabilities, given the goodwill of the international community. and the serious intentions of the parties involved.

An issue of great concern in the peace process is that of boycotts and free trade. Jordan is working for the liberalisation and dismantlement of all barriers in the region, peace prevail. One reason for this is the existence of an Israeli boycott of Arab trade and investment. The issue of boycotts is the rights and obligations of each party. It lays out a series of powerful confidence building measures, designed to ease the transition from the state of war to the state of peace for which we are all

"If peace is to endure through the generations, it must guarantee security for all: not the bogus security that comes from the acquisition of evermore destructive weaponry, but the genuine security that stems from common interests, goals and methods. In our increasingly inter-dependent world, viable structures of security and cooperation are increasingly

whether in terms of trade, investment labour, capital or services. In the long term, we believe that a Middle East free trade agreement - a MEFTA along the line of NAFTA or EFTA, would be in the interests of all the peoples of the region. However, this vision cannot be realised until conditions of

working, enabling Arabs and Israelis to live side by side without fear or prejudice. The declaration also noted

the need for economic negotiations to prepare for future bilateral cooperation, including the abolition of all economic boycotts.

At this point, perhaps I might turn from the political

Similar complaints arise

across the developing

world: Too many in-

appropriate sterilisations of

women: too little attention

naid to sexually transmitted

diseases: too little done to

reduce maternal mortality,

including deaths from un-

activists have pushed

through "reproductive

health" wording in the

Cairo document, telling the

world in effect to care less

about fertility numbers and

more about women's

The draft document goes

beyond that, too, to de-

scribe women's "empower-

Ms. Zulfikar and other

safe abortions.

aspects of peace-making to consider its all-important economic dimension. There is a vital need to take on board the broader economic and human implications of peace, and to formulate strategies for effective response. The experience of Eastern Europe has demonstrated the importance of this. The Middle East has likewise earned the right to enjoy the peace dividend if peace is to

take root on the ground. Since 1970, Israel has had unrestricted access to the markets of the occupied territones while barring Palestinian goods from Israeli markets, preventing Palestinian investment in the occupied territories, and severely restricting imports and altogether prohibiting investment from the rest of the region. As a result of these policies Israel has gained a trade surplus of \$7.5 billion since 1970. The Israel: boycott has cost Jordan a \$2 billion deficit in the same period. Given these figures

 Israel figures, incidentally I am sure you will agree that reciprocity must be the cardinal principle in dealing with the issues of bovcotts.

For Jordan, however, the paramount issue remains that of debt. The \$7 billion overhang which we accumulated as a direct result of the conflict represents a real obstacle to our progressive policies. It is very hard to attract foreign investment, to upgrade infrastructure, or to participate in regional projects, with this debt burden. If Jordan is to continue supporting the peace process, to continue in our democratisation and economic liberalistion policies. the Middle East, an exceptional debt relief effort is required. We hope that the American administration's bold lead on this issue and the immediate positive response of the United Kingdom will be followed by other creditor nations and institu-

It is clear that the uncertainty engendered by peacemaking has its economic costs. The short run fiscal impact of peace is likely to be negative for Jordan. The World Bank estimates our GDP will be reduced by 4 per cent annually. Jordan's currency has been adversely affected by the peace pro-

Conjecture as to the establishment of the Palestinian currency has led to a movement out of JD's and into dollars in the occupied territories. This has in turn prompted parallel speculative runs in Jordan, vastly diminishing the Central Bank of

Jordan's net reserves and raises fears of devaluation and destabilisation beyond the purely economic sphere. The speedy establishment of a stabilisation fund or a bridge loan, with the major donors involved, is in our view essential if this scenario is to be averted. Effective monitoring of the ongoing economic situation, coupled with rapid and appropriate responses, will be essential in the months to come if stability is to be assured and peacemaking is to proceed smooth-

In the longer term, international investment in development projects that serve the region and its peoples will be absolutely essential. It is equally important that such projects be founded upon sound concepts, and that they receive the support of international tinancial institutions, governments and multinational corporations alike. Direct private investment can play a key role, as can joint ventures and appropriate technology transfer. However, peace requires an enduring structure to tackle the "over-arching" problems of the economies of the region; disparities created by conflict, overextended public sectors, addiction to aid on the one hand and oil revenues on the other. An economic framework, covering human cooperation, resources cooperation and security, is needed. The development of such a framework is therefore among the most vital tasks at

Having examined the political and economic dimensions of peace-making, I would like to conclude my implications for security in the Middle East.

If peace is to endure through the generations, it must guarantee security for all: not the bogus security that comes from the acquisition of ever-more destructive weaponry, but the genuine security that stems from common interests, goals and methods. In our increasingly inter-dependent world, viable structures of security and cooperation are increasingly necessary, such structures would provide a forum to discuss common challenges, and framework for collective action. To this end Jordan has long called for a conference on security and cooperation for the Middle East (CSCME), loosely based on the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

Such a forum, with its neutral and low key nature. would perhaps be the best place to address the contentious issues that could disrupt the peace for which we have all worked so hard. One esue is borders. In the Gulf atone, there have been no fewer than 22 active border disputes this century A CSCME would provide a focus for non-military solutions to issues such as this; and would assist in the evolution of a common regional vision. For, to our way of thinking, the future of the Middle East hinges on the development of such a vision. backed up by appropriate in-

struments.
The Arab-Israeli conflict was predicated largely on the belief that the military dimension of security was, on its own, capable of furnishing a stable basis for the future This belief has been exposed as counter-productive, and ultimately destructive. It has been of benefit only to the arms trade, ensuring that resources which would have been better spent on health and education were diverted to meet the requirements of the military. A negotiated peace will certainly mean that these requirements will be down-scaled.

The role of the military will thus be re-assessed in the light of peace-making. For Jordan's armed forces, the transition to a state of peace would not require a drastic change of orientation, as we have never sought offensive military capabilities, and have no expansionist goals. However, Jordan must be able to deter or contain external military threats, guarantee secure borders, counter all forms of extremism and terrorism and participate in regional and global peacekeeping operations armed forces must be recognised and upgraded if they are to continue performing these functions successfully This will not be possible without the assistance of the international community.

I would like to leave you with the assurance that Jordan remains committed to promoting peace, democratisation, tree trade and human rights in our region. The Middle East is located at the cross-roads of the earth; it has always been of vital strategic significance. In a world that is seeking a new rationale and order for itself after the end of the cold war. the search for peace in the Middle East assumes great symbolic and practical importance. With the help of God, and the friends of peace world-wide, we intend to prove that peace is possible. For if our peoples can find the will and the courage to live together, then surely no conflict is insoluble.

Arithmetic of population, politics of people

By Charles J. Hanley The Associated Press

CAIRO - We sleep in the streets of Bombay, family by threadbare family. We're squatters in African game preserves, evicting the elephants. Here in chockablock Cairo, we even dispossess the dead, setting up house in mausoleums - with electric light, no less.

Twenty years from now. when there may be 2 billion more human beings to feed, clothe and house, where on Earth will they put us all? Looking for answers, humanity's representatives will pack Cairo's hotels by the thousands next week for the International Conference on Population and Development.

The chief U.S. delegate. Undersecretary of State Tim Wirth, says governments known what must be done to control the growth of global population, now

There's a huge 'unmet need out there, and it's absolutely imperative that we do everything we can to meet that need, or our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will face an untenable situation," Mr. Wirth said in a

The "unmet need," identified via surveys, is an estimated 120 million couples in developing nations who want to limit their family size but are not using contraceptives - because they're unavailable, because of tradition, because of ignorance.

To help reach them, the Clinton administration has increased U.S. foreign aid for family planning to \$600 million a year, from \$400 million. Other governments are doing likewise. The Cairo conference's prop-"programme of acosed tion" calls for still more, a quadrupling of international support to almost \$6 billion by the year 2000.

How the world responds may determine whether human population stays below 8 billion or tops 12 billion by the year 2050, U.N. projections show.

But Cairo will be more than arithmetic. The Vatican has grabbed

headlines with a pre-conference campaign against abortion, a fringe issue in the Cairo document, and against contraceptives for teen-agers, something closer to the heart of the action

blueprint. Women's groups, meanwhile, have campaigned for a review of family planning,

to look at whether Third World women's health is being hurt - and their broader interests are being neglected - in the crush of pills and implants. In the gritty, jostling

slums of this old metropolis of 13 million people, such life-and-birth issues play Magda Abdul Halim. 30. a barefoot, black-robed "client" in a family-plan-

ning clinic, said she and her husband have two children and will have no more. "They cost so much: food, clothes, school." She uses an IUD - intrauterine de-

But some neighbours are a different story, she said. *Some don't use contraceptives, and they have nine or 10 children.

Since the U.S. government began pouring \$170 million in aid into Egyptian family planning 16 years ago, the programme has made major headway. Today, about half of mar-

ried women use contraceptives, double the proportion of 1980. The fertility rate the number of children born to the average woman --- has dropped from 5.3 to Still, the national population, now 59 million, grows

by more than a million a

year. Egypt cannot create

the jobs or deliver the ser-

Population specialists know they need more money to deal with Egypt's 'unmet need" — an estimated 20 per cent of married women who would use

contraceptives if they

To get to them, the new Population Ministry must send more family-planning vans to distant villages, sign on more women doctors, the preference of Egyptian wives, and build up staff for face-to-face campaigns.

"We may have to go to their houses and explain the advantages of family planning." said Suzan Abdul Aziz, the slum clinic's director.

But she also sounded a cautionary note, saying too many women are rushed into contraceptive methods improperly. Some given IUDs develop complications that go untreated. Some on the pill are not counselled on likely side

"We need to take more time with them," Dr. Aziz said. Her concerns are amplified by women's advocacy groups.

"Egypt is concentrating on IUDs, and a lot of the

women are developing in-

fections that are not tre-

ated," said Mona Zulfikar

ment" as key to population control. Only when they get educational and job opportunities in countries like Egypt will young women stop seeing motherhood as their sole road to status and security, feminists say. In a provocative article

health.

last March, World Bank economist Lant Pritchett scoffed at family-planning crusaders: "Reducing the demand for children - for instance,

of Cairo's Women's Health by giving girls more educa-Improvement Association. tion - is vastly more important to reducing fertility She maintains that familyplanning clinics should be than providing more conupgraded to provide more traceptives. comprehensive care for

If battle lines are forming, the family planners have an edge. Although the Cairo document bulges with rhetoric on behalf of women's status, spending targets are set only for family-planning programmes.

"First things first, and that's family planning," concluded a U.S. aid offi-

Egypt's Population Minister Meher Mahran sounds just as singleminded.

"The carrying capacity of the globe has been surpas-sed already," he said. "There is no possibility at this point of postponing, or adding new ideas."

The most compelling argument may lie in the U.N. projections.

Depending on whether fertility levels fall quickly. the world just 20 years from now will have to support either 7.2 billion people or 7.9 billion. The difference roughly equals the current population of all Africa. By then, teeming Carro's

cemetery squatters may begin to envy their neighbours, the perpetual leaseholders of the city of the

Jordan, Israel end talks

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pursuant to the Washington Declaration of July 25, 1994. The economic sub-group discussed cooperation on trade, particularly with respect to development of new trade zones. In order to expand on ideas for further discussion, the U.S. agreed to provide information and studies developed on the trade relationship between larger and smaller economies.

Agriculture experts met and discussed potential avenues of cooperation and revelant areas, such as veterinary services, plant protection services, seed production, aquaculture, etc. Further

meetings are planned. Two groups o businesspeople from Israel and Jordan met informally with the presence of U.S. experts. The meetings included the introduction of persons and their activities in business, mainly in industry, export promotion, and ship-

PLO, Israel sign deal

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the two suspects, members of the Islamic Resistance Movement. Hamas

Palestinian officials have condemned Friday's killings in Ramle, claimed by Izzedin Al Qassam, the Hamas armed wing, but said they lacked information about those responsible.

Syria criticises normalisation In Damascus, a leading government-run Syrian daily Monday criticised unnamed Arab governments which have sought to normalise re-

lations with the Jewish state. Tishrin said in an editorial that some governments have opened "their arms to official Israeli delegations, ignoring the suffering of millions of Arabs languishing under Zionist occupation and brutal Israeli aggressions on South

Lebanon.

try, it said these governments were seeking to lift the Arab League boycott of Israel and open their burders "as though the Middle East problem has been totally solved." It said such an attitude was encouraging Israel to resist withdrawal from occupied Arab territories. Israeli Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin paid a landmark visit to Jordan earlier this month to inaugurate a border crossing between the Kingdom's Red Sea port of Aqaba and Israel's Eilat.

So far, Egypt is the only Arab country to have normalised relations with Israel after signing the 1979 Camp David peace treaty.

Oman, Qatar, Tunisia and Morocco have hosted Israeli delegations recently as part of the U.S.-sponsored Without naming any coun- Arab-Israeli peace process.

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Few billions will not help budding Palestinian economy, says Malki

Following is the second and last part of an article on a lecture on peace and the economy. In this section the speaker focuses on the monetary side, on the services sector, with an emphasis on tourism and on the probable effects of the return of thousands of displaced people.

The first part of this article appeared in the Aug. 29, 1994 issue of the Jordan Times.

> By Samir Shafiq. Special to the Jordan Times

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AMMAN — "Palestinians will be totally wrong to behave that they can build their economy on international aid." Dr. Maiki told the audiends at a lecture on economy and peace at the Orthodox

"The \$2-\$3 billion aid mentioned until now will only help cover initial current expenses and some infrastructure, but it will not be enough and it cannot achieve a Palestinian economic emerg-

ence," he said. He added: "An economic thrust needs permanent investinent and diversified qualifications which can only be secured from migrant Palestinian funds estimated at tens of billions and from Palestinian know-how scattered worldwide."

Dr. Malki pointed out that once the economy begins rolling, Arab funds would enter the cycle.

However, the lecturer highlighted the importance of security and safety and emphasised that a Palestinian economic thrust should be based on two fundamentals: economic freedom and political democracy.

Once that is achieved. and once production factors of qualified personnel and capital start to move west-

continuation requires very close coordination in many aspects and such a situation will be difficult unless there is some form of political integration between Jordan and Palestine," Dr. Malki elaborated.

Service sector

Dr. Malki described the service sector as being "the area of basic struggle" in the region and drew attention to the Israeli strength in the shipping, banking and tourism sectors.

He expressed concern over Israeli sea ports and airports taking away work from Jordanian and Palestinian ports or influencing their establishment and development. Similarly, Israeli banks could attract exporters and

nporters from Arab areas. Moreover, Dr. Malki expected the Israeli medical centres to have a slice of the Arab market.

Tourism

There is a near-consensus among international, regional and local experts and academics, as well as businessmen and politicians, that the tourism expansion is coming and that it will be the most prominent feature of the next economic stage.

Dr. Malki did not question the capability of the Israeli tourism industry to compete, and even excel with the Jordanian and Palestinian tourism industries. The question he asked, however, regarded the share the Jordanian tourism industry could acquire of the expected tour-

Noting that tourism does not need large investments and that tourism expansion yields immediate results and activates employment, in addition to generating hard currency income, Dr. Malki asked: "Are both private and public sectors ready to closely coordinate with the Israeli side on tourism expansion? Are we psychologically and technically mature for that?"

Displaced persons

According to the lecturer, there is an Israeli acceptance of the idea of return of displaced persons, but the question is how many people does the term displaced persons

The question can have two If the number should be

the same as that of the actual number of people who left the occupied territories in 1967, then the figure would be between 250,000-300,000 If the number is to include

all members of families (meaning ulterior additions) then the figure would rise to about 700,000 persons. The return of the displaced

persons, Dr. Malki noted, would not be immediate. He estimated the process could take between one to five

As such, the economic impact of the return of the displaced would be slight, but rising gradually.
The economic effect would

affect all living aspects, such as housing, services employ-ment and general utilities, but Dr. Malki described the whole concept as "the withdrawal or amortisation of about 20 per cent of the general demand in the economy."

"This percentage is enough to cause deep changes in the economic system," he said, adding: "If the withdrawal is sudden, then the changes would be violent and pain-

As an example, he pointed out, the return of 400,000 people would mean emptying 80,000 housing units. This, in turn, would have a smashing effect on rents and on demand on real estate and con-

On the other hand, the return of the displaced persons would lessen the demand for services and for general utilities, as well as cause a reduction in imports.

"No one can predict at the moment what the net final outcome would be on the economy as a result of the return of the displaced people. However, their return is desired and demanded no matter what the economic consequences would be," Dr. Malki said.

Dr. Malki said that so far, it is only talk of peace that exists in the region and therefore the challenges facing the Kingdom require that the Jordanian authorities formulate a theory for economic security to give the country top economic strength and immunity, just as Israel gives its security the highest priorities and consideration.

"With such a Jordanian economic security being the top priority, Jordan can insist on formulating peace agree-ments in light of the said theory," Dr. Malki con-cluded.

U.S. commerce secretary pushes China on trade despite GATT row

BEIJING (AFP) — U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown launched an aggressive campaign in talks with Chinese officials here Monday for more open bilateral trade relations, but China's GATT reentry remained a crucial sticking point.

Mr. Brown, who arrived Saturday for a week-long visit at the head of a presidential trade mission that includes the heads of 24 major U.S. companies, held talks with his Chinese counterpart Wu Yi and Premier Li Peng focusing on key issues such as market access, copyright pro-tection and GATT.

The first official day of the secretary's visit also saw the signing of a landmark accord to expand Sino-U.S. com-mercial ties, as Chinese and U.S. firms inked two multimillion-dollar contracts.

Mr. Brown is the most senior U.S. official to visit Beijing since President Bill Clinton delinked renewal of China's most favoured nation (MFN) trade status and human rights in May.

While he raised the issue of human rights in a "private" capacity during both meetings, Mr. Brown stressed that bilateral trade was the "primary" of his trip.
A senior U.S. commerce

official described the Chinese response to Brown's calls for a more open and transparent trade relationship as "very But the official admitted

that divisions remained over what Beijing views as Washington's blockage of China's early readmission to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

"They feel that resistance is unfair and they said that very directly," the official said.

The scheme calls for giving

each adult Pole a chunk of

the country's industry by pri-

vatising some 460 state-

owned enterprises in one go.

Its implementation has

been delayed for more than

three months because Mr.

Pawlak has refused to

approve the last batch of 105

companies to join the prog-

He said he first had to

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programme, remain state-

owned or be privatised in

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in the first half of September.

Mr. Kaczmarek said the

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China has accused the United States of making unrealistic demands for GATT reentry, and Foreign Trade Ministr Wu warned Mr. Brown that failure to readmit China "will have a direct

of Sino-U.S. trade relations." "China will not pay any price for its reentry into GATT and one can never expect China to make a deal at the cost of the nation's national interest," the Xinhua news agency quoted

impact on the development

Mr. Wu as saying. However, while reiterating U.S. support for Chinese membership in GATT, Mr. Brown said certain criteria, including greater trade transparency and equal treatment for Chinese and foreign firms, have to be met. "When China meets those

criteria, it will become a signatory to GATT and part of the World Trade Organisation," which replaces GATT on Jan. 1, Mr. Brown said. In an upbeat speech Monday morning to the local American Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Brown said Washington wa staking steps, with the help of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, to combat the indirect financial support supplied by foreign governments to their businesses

China through tied aid. "We don't like the fact that our competitors are using tied aid and creating an unfair advantage, but we have decided that if we are going ing, we have to forget about whether we like it or not," he Market.

In order to counter "tradedistorting foreign tied-aid credits." the bank "has begun to aggressively match these concessionary loans," he added.

Mr. Brown pledged during his visit to promote U.S. interests currently competing for more than \$25 billion in projects to be launched in China over the next three

Two of the U.S. firms represented in Mr. Brown's delegation inked two contracts Monday worth some \$160 million with Chinese firms.

Energy giant Westing-house Electric signed a \$140 million agreement to supply two 350-megawatt steam turbines and other related equipment to the Jiangsu Ligang Electric Power Co.

At the same time, information firm Pitney Bowes inked a \$20 million contract with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to assist in modernising and automating 55,000 post offices in Chi-

Mr. Brown stressed that he would be seeking major concessions from China in terms of greater access to the service sector here — including banking, insurance and telecommunications — widening the scope of activities allowed for U.S. companies, and relaxing "onerous" profit repatriation limitations.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 1994

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: putting them across. Sidestep a

This is a good day to complete that investigative work and come up with some right answers. Sidestep a foe that keeps turning up in the wrong place when least expected. Think and act constructively.

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Yur business ideas are good, so put them in operation without delay for best results. Make your life happier and more

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You understand now what others expect of you and you can please them easily. Show that you have a sense of humour with a little pixie thrown in.

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LOE: (June 22 to August 21) Your ideas need intelligent handling in order to make them more creative and constructive. Relax at home tonight with your loved ones.

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Don't lose your temper with anyone close to your heart. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Talk over your plans for the future with a trusted adviser before making any important decisions. Ex-

press happiness towards your **AQUARIUS:** (January 21 to February 19) This is a good day for being your gregarious self and seeking the company of as many persons as you can. Use common sense on a project. PISCES: (February 20 to

March 20) Put more effort into improving your standing in the community. An unexpected opportunity could come your way now which could be quite beneficial.

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Israel's central bank steps up inflation war

stepped up its war against dcuble-digit inflation Monday, announcing its steepest interest rate rise this year.

The decision to raise the basic lending rate to commercial banks by 1.5 percentage points to 14 per cent was another blow to the pocketbook just a week after a looming tax on share profits sent prices plunging on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

"This increase was necessary because we have recently seen signs of an accelera-tion in the inflation rate," Bank of Israel governor

Jacob Frenkel told reporters. He said inflation, originally forecast at eight per cent for 1994, had risen to about 14 per cent in annual terms during the first seven months of

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government and should contribute in the long-term to the fight to bring inflation down," Mr. Frenkel said

without elaborating.

"Our real multi-year goal is a return to single-digit inflation, and over time achieving inflation rates such as those in industrialised countries with which we trade," he said.

The rate rise was likely to be followed by a corresponding increase in commercial banks' lending rates. They followed the central bank's lead when it raised rates by 0.5 percentage points in June and

Up until today, the Bank of Israel had supplied very cheap money to the market," Mr. Frenke said, leading to a

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The rate rise - bankers had predicted an increase of up to two percentage points

— appeared to have little impact on the Tel Aviv stock market. The benchmark Mishtanim blue chip index was 1.26 points, or 0.72 per cent, higher at 175.52 at mid-day.

The central bank and treasury had blamed inflation mainly on high housing prices. But in its statement, the bank said price rises were now across the board, reflecting a "rapid expansion of market demand.

Israelis seem to be spending as if there were no tomorrow. Almost anything from air tickets to groceries can be bought with no- or lowinterest instalements. At

least one supermarket chain automatically allows customers buying today to pay in

Economists say businesses, faced with higher borrowing rates, could cut back on generous credit terms to customers, leading to a spending slowdown.

the Israeli Industrialists' Association, accused the central bank and the government of using interest rates as the sole weapon against inflation rather than adopting a "clear comprehensive policy" to

The government is to debate next week a series of inflation-fighting measures. They include workforce and wage cuts in the public sector, and proposals to increase price competition by opening markets to imports.

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Polish leaders: Mass privatisation to go ahead have to analyse all possible consequences," Mr. Pawlak

WARSAW (R) — Polish government leaders say a mass privatisation scheme will eventually be launched in this former communist state but its scope and timetable has yet to be fixed.

The plan aims at giving citizens a chance to be shareholders in a huge selloff of state-owned industries.

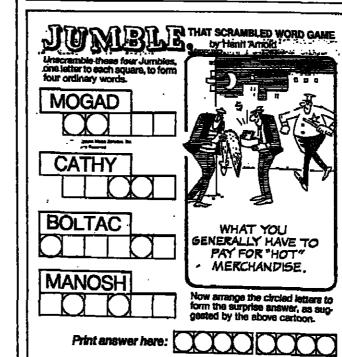
"The mass privatisation programme will be implemented," Privatisation Minister Wieslaw Kaczmarek told parliament, answering queries by opposition de-puties concerned about the plan's delay.

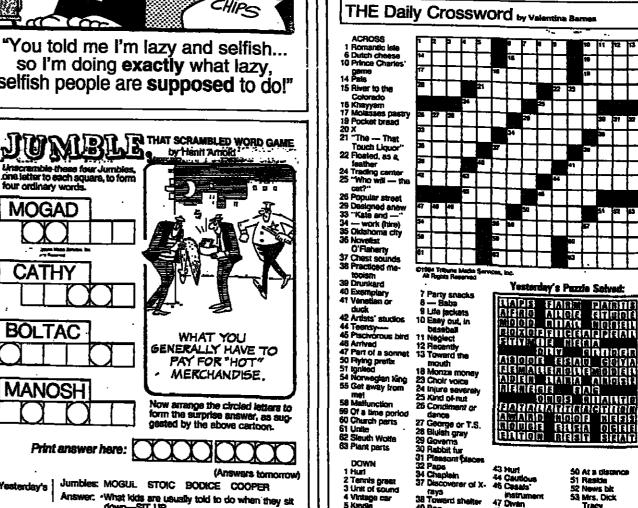
But Prime Minister Waldemar Pawlak said it remained to be decided whether the programme would be launched in its full version or be

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England's Sunday shoppers go legal

LONDON (R) - People in England and Wales could shop Sunday with a clear conscience after a new law made

Sunday trading legal for the first time.
For most stores the only change from last week was that they could forget the niggling fines they faced for opening illegally. Extra profits far outweighed the modest penalties.

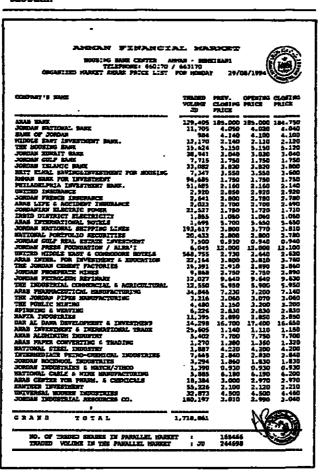
But Marks and Spencers, a quality food and clothing chain seen as an icon of middle-class Britain, opened Sunday for the first time after staunchly refusing to break

The Sunday trading act, repealing 1,000 years of tradition when it came into force last week, bowed to reality and allowed large stores to open for six hours on the Christian day of rest, while small shops may now trade as

long as they want. Before the change, already introduced in Scotland, a bizarre collection of laws and exceptions meant some luxury items could be sold on a Sunday whereas most essentials could not.

Shop workers' unions said they would make sure employers stuck to promises concerning Sunday working

The "keep Sunday special" pressure group rued the move which erodes the special, tranquil character of the



Saudi private sector exports rise 11 per cent

MANAMA (R) — Saudi Arabia's private sector exports rose 11 per cent in 1993 to five billion rivals (\$1.3 billion) from 4.5 billion (\$1.2 billion) in the previous year, according to an official study.

The Jeddah-based Arab News daily Sunday quoted study by the Sandi Export Promotion Centre as saying 47 per cent of the private sector's exports went to Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's partners in the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council.

The study said 25 per cent of exports went to other Arab and Islamic states, 14 per cent to Asian countries and nine per cent to the European Union. Oil shipped by the state accounts for the vast bulk of Saudi Arabia's exports.

Egyptians eager to warm trade relations with Israel

industrialists visiting Israel said Sunday that Egypt was racing to end 16 years of "cold peace" and forge strong trade ties with Israel now that Middle East negotiations with other Arab states were advancing.

"We are not late, we are just in time, as the Japanese say," said Mohammad Farid Khamis, leading 25 members of the Egyptian Federation of Industries on a first official

visit to Israel. "We have picked in my judgment the best time to come. We were waiting for a real, comprehensive peace (with other Arabs)." he

Although Egypt and Israel signed peace in 1979, Cairo kept contacts in all fields to a minimum to fend off domestic criticism and regain centre stage in Arab diplomacy.

But the "cold peace" bean to thaw when Labour Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came to power in 1992, and warmed further when Egypt not involved in Israel's peace process with the

Now businessmen from both sides want to use political good will to roll back the inertia in their trade ties. Apart from sales of Egyptian oil specified in the Camp David agreement, bilateral trade totalled a meagre \$14 million in 1993.

"If we move now, we can achieve a lot before we even start with other Arab countries," said Dan Propper, president of the Manufacturers Association of Israel.

What we could have done 10 years ago, we must now do in a very short time. In five years' you won't be able to notice the difference (of the delay)," he added. Businessmen say the two

economics devetad well. Egypt's 58 million people represent a sizeable consumer market on Israel's doorstep. Israeli irrigation could boost semi-and agriculture in Egypt, a key development goal, while hi-tech industries could provide machinery and

counterparts. Thriving Egyptian industries like textiles and foodstuffs could find ready markets in Israel, Mr. Propper

components for Egyptian

said Israeli businessmen would also like to see if Egypt can help ease Israeli access into lucrative Arab Gulf mar-

Mr. Khamis, whom Egyptian businessmen say has the ear of President Hosni Mubarak, said both sides would like to move beyond trade to consider joint projects and investment.

Israel and Egypt are discussing a pipeline to supply Egyptian gas to Israel and the Palestinian autonomy areas. Oil analysts say a project to refine 100,000 barrels of crude oil a day at a plant on Egypt's Mediterranean coast is believed to have some private Israeli backers.

Egypt is expanding its border crossing at Taba to make it easily accessible to lornes, Egyptian officials say.

Mr. Khamis said Egyptian exporters were currently hampered by licence and visa

requirements.
Mr. Propper, who visited Cairo earlier this year, said his organisation would lobby the Israeh government for a special trade agreement to lower entry barriers.

Survey shows riskiest, safest world states for doing business

dangerous place in the world in which to do business, while Syria, Botswana, Malaysia, Singapore and Switzerland are among the safest, according to a survey of international security risks.

The North African country, where Islamic extremists are pursuing a campaign of sabotage against foreign businesses, particularly oil and gas installations, is rated as "high risk."

The Control Risks Group (CRG) is a consultancy which advises businesses on how to assess and manage security in volatile countries and markets. It considers a country to be high risk if conditions

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The United Kingdom, where bombs have exploded in the City, is rated as medium risk — on a level — on a level with Bangladesh, North Korea and the Philippines where the government's authority is either challenged by internal unrest or terrorist violence. France, Germany, Poland and Hungary are considered low risk.

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violence, and in the past ten morths 53 foreigners have been killed, 14 of them during a four-day period at the heginning of July. Christopher Grose, man-

aging director of CRG, said: The outlook is bleak because foreigners are being specifically targeted. A lot of the oil companies working in the south have had to build security measures into their budgets. He said another country

rated as high risk is Angola. There, UNITA rebels refuse to recognise the legitimacy of the government. Outside Luanda and the Cabinda enclave, doing business is rated as "hazardous".

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Mr. Grose, whose company provides security advice for large finance companies and oil, gas and mining firms, said: "Companies are increasingly taking steps to ascertain the risks in going into emerging markets. Our advice is not whether they should go there, but how they can minimise the risk to staff if they need to work there."

Cambodia is classed as high risk because of Khmer Rouge clashes with the military and banditry in rural areas. Phnom Penh, where rising crime and car hold-ups are a problem, is classed as medium risk.

In addition, Mr. Grose says that foreign executives working in Russia are in-creasingly facing high crime levels, especially in Moscow and St. Petersburg. CRG rates the whole coun-

try as medium risk because of the continued political instability, growing organised criminal violence and extortion, kidnapping and counterfeiting. In the first five months of this year, 65 foreigners were killed.

Mr. Grose said; "Companies moving into Russia will probably encounter an extortion attempt, sometimes very serious, sometimes not, because they are seen as wealthy.

"An American businessman, Mark Aulov, was abducted in March and his body found four months later after he was believed to have fallen foul of the local Mafia.

Other countries, once notorious for political violence, are becoming easier to work in. In Peru there were 207 attacks between January and May this year compared with 692 for the same period last year.
"The decline in the

strength of the ultra-leftist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) has followed the arrest of Abimael Guznan, its leader and founder, in September 1992," Mr. Grose said. Thousands of companies operate in Russia and Peru as well as in Algeria. We never say business is impossible, provided companies are adaptable and put security into t<u>he</u>ir overall budget." --The Times.

Philippines to implement **VAT law**

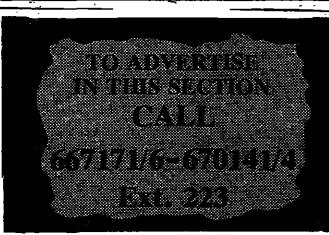
on Oct. 1 MANILA (R) - The Philippines will begin implementing a controversial law extending its value-added tax (VAT) to a wide range of goods and services from Oct. I, Finance Secretary Roberto

de Ocampo has said. He said extending the tax would allow the country to move forward at a time when the economy was poised for rapid growth.

The 10 per cent tax will cover products ranging from food and clothing to books, newspapers and services.

The government is ready to implement the new law even though opponents have vowed to step up pressure on congress to repeal it.

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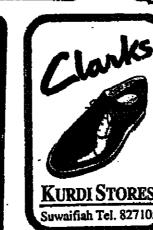






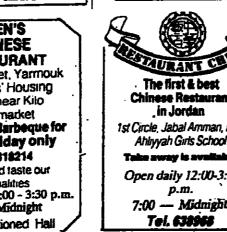


















Traditional performers bring Commonwealth Games to end

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP)—The XV Community making their final games monwealth Games came to a colourful, multi-cultural and sometimes rowdy conclusion Sunday evening before a capacity crowd under threatening skies at Centennial Stadium

Prince Edward, president of the Commonwealth Games Federation declared the games officially concluded at the end of the two-hour ceremony, which featured performances by singers and dancers from 14 of the 64 nations that participated in the 10 days of competition.

"No, no," hundreds in the crowd of more than 33,000 shouted as Sonny de O Sales, president of the Commonwealth Games Federation, called on the prince to declare the games over.

"Let's do it again," someone hollered.

Some of the boisterous competitors tossed wads of paper, and one seat cushion, at the prince as he left the stadium in the same open 1939 Buick that brought his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. into the opening ceremony

Aug. 18.
Thousands of athletes and games volunteers poured onto the field as the ceremony concluded, dancing and waving to the crowd.

In declaring the games concluded, the prince called on the members of the Commonwealth to again assemble in four years in the XVI Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for a friendly competition "For the good of humanity and the peace of the world."

Rain fell just before the ceremony began but held off throughout the performances after most of the games were competed in sunshine.

A large share of the 3,350 athletes who took part in the games watched the ceremony. Occasionally groups of athletes would exchange friendly battles with wads of paper and, in the middle of a production number, a New Zealand competitorode into the centre of the field on a small bicycle, much to the surprise and consternation of the show's producers.

Representatives of each of the 64 nations marched around the track. Among them, the subdued repre-

RUUD Gullit scored a late

goal against his former club

Sampdoria as AC Milan

came back from seeming de-

feat to clinch their third suc-

cessive Italian Supercup in a

penalty shootout late Sun-

Milan only to be bought back

after one highly successful

season at Sampdoria, snatch-

ed an equaliser with eight

minutes left of normal time

ini the traditional curtain-

raiser to the Italian soccer

season between champions

Until his timely interven-

tion with a closer-range head-

er, Sampdoria dominated the

match at the San Siro and

looked to be about to end

Milan's monopoly of the tro-

ched victory 4-3 on penalties

from Alberigo Evani and

then Sinisa Mihlajlkovic

Mihaljovic had given

Sampdoria the lead in the

35th minute with a curling

25-metre free kick which just

escaped the goalkeeper's de-

blasted over the bar.

spairing dive.

Jordan.

after Sebastiano Rossi saved

But the champions clin-

and cup winners.

Gullit, cast aside by AC

appearance, Hong Kong will be ceded to China by Britian in 1997, one year before the next games.

More exhuberant were the representatives of South Africa, which returned to the games for the first time since 1958, when the nation was banned because of its racist

Now that the country is integrated, it was warmly welcomed back, receiving a standing ovation from the crowd at the opening cere-

Wheelchair-bound performers and young people, all decorated as birds, took part in "healing journey," a tri-bute to the disabled athletes who participated in the games as official members of their teams for the first time.

The Commonwealth flag was lowered and presented to the mayor of Victoria, who was instructed to take it to Malaysia in 1998.

Among those honoured were the more than 14,000 volunteers who helped put on a competition roundly considered a success. Earlier in the day, officials said the games were sure to break even financially.

Member of Vancouver Island's native coast Salish nation chanted a traditional farewell as the prince de-

Moneghetti wins marathon

Earlier Sunday, Australia's Steve Moneghetti won the marathon at the games after two near misses Sunday but countrywoman Cathy Freeman was denied a third gold by a disqualification.

The games also were rocked by a third drugs scandal when Horace Dove-Edwin, runner-up to Linford Christie in the 100 metres, tested positive for steroids.

After Ghanaian boxer Godson Sawah had been stripped of his bronze medal and hurdler Robert Foster had been sent home, the Sierra Leone sprinter was disqualified and had his silver medal nullified.

Jamaica's third place' finisher Michael Green was moved up to silver and Namibia's 200m titlist Frankie Fredericks, who placed fourth, was awarded the bronze.

EUROPEAN SOCCER ROUNDUP

A few minutes earlier Ros-

si had parried a dipping free

kick from the former Red

Star Belgrade player. And in

the 28th minute he saved a

fierce shot from Attilio Lom-

Milan, missing Italy's Paolo Maldini, Frenchman

Marcel Desally and playmak-

er Dejan Savicevic, all in-

jured, looked a shadow of the

side which has dominated the

last three editions of the

sealed the match in the 75th

minute when Lombardo drib-

bled past Franco Baresi only

for Rossi to keep out his shot

Then, with eight minutes

remaining and Sampdoria tir-

ing, Marco Simone picked

cross for the Dutchman to

mark his return to the San

Siro in the style that made

will raise the hopes, however,

of first division clubs hoping

to deny the reigning league

champions their forth succes-

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Borussia Dortmund took the

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league championships.

"It's a very sad event, a very tragile event, that someone who had been a hero in the early days of the games is now found to be a drugs offender" David Dixon, secretary of the Common-

wealth Games Federation He said Dove-Edwin, 27, also is banned from competing at the next games at Kuala Lumpur and faces possible further punishment from track's world governing body, the IAAF.

Moneghetti, who won a bronze in 1986 and silver in 1990 finally made it to gold in 1994, finishing in 2 hours, 11 minutes 49 seconds on the streets of Victoria to win the marathon.

"I told people I want the setting reversed, and today I got it," the 31-year-old Australian said. "I showed that by running a good," tough

Moneghetti, who won this year's Tokyo Marathon with career-best 2:08:55, finished more than three mi-

Running his 12th marathon and wearing his distinctive dark sunglasses despite heavy rain, Moneghetti was among the leaders from the outset. Kenyan Nicolas Kioki stayed with him until 35k, before the experienced Aussie began pulling away. Kioki wound up sixth.

Quilty overtook England's Mark Hudspeth in the final kilometre and finished second at 2:14:57. Hudspeth settled for the bronze medal with a time of 2:15:11.

In the final leg of the women's 1,600 relay, 400metre winner Freeman took over in second place and shadowed England's Sally Gunneli, Olympic, world and Commonwealth 400 hurdles titlist, over the final lap.

When the hurdles world record holder made her move, Freeman, covered it and overtook her in the last 20 metres as the Australians posted what would have been a gamese record 3:26.84.

Games medals table

VICTORIA (AFP) Final Commonwealth Games medals table after Sunday's events:

	G	old	Silver	Bronze'	Total
Australia		87	52	43	182
Canada		40	42	46	128
England		31	45	49	125
Nigeria		11	13	13	37
Kenya		7	4	8	19
India		6	11	7	24
Scotland		6	3	11	20
New Zealand		5	16	20	41
Wales		5	8	6	19
Northern Ireland		5	2	3	10
Nauru		3	0	.0	3
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Vamibia		1	0	1	2
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Western Samoa		0	1	0	1
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Gullit scores as Milan win 3rd Supercup

league while Nantes faltered

The big guns in the Nether-

lands opened the season in

defiant style, with old rivals

Ajax Amsterdam and PSV

Eindhoven winning their first

In Germany Borussia

maintained their 100 per cent

early season record, beating

Kaiserslautern 2-1 as rivals

Stuttgart faltered at home to

Cologne, drawing 1-1 and

sliding into fourth place. Karlsruhe, following their

4-1 destruction of Duisburg,

were in second place with

Werder Bremen third on goal

difference after demolishing

Bochum 3-0. Midfielder Bas-

Borussia played Friday and

led 1-0 at half-time with a

goal from their Swiss goal ace Stephan Chapuisat in the

40th minute. Michael Zorc

added the second from a 74th

minute penalty and Kunst got the consolation goal for

Kaiserslautern with eight mi-

nutes to go. New look Bayern Munich,

under Italian maestro Giova-

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Brazilian Flavio Padaratz, no. 9 in the world, makes a roller re-entry, during the final of the Rip-Curl Pro Landes Sunday in Hossegor, France Kelly Slater (AFP photo)

England offers U.S. cash for own head

LONDON (AP) — The English Football Association (FA) Monday offered the U.S. soccer team a 25,000pound (\$37,500) reward for beating England in their friendly match at Wembley next week.

The unprecedented move game as the FA said it wanted to ensure a competitive match as England begins its preparations for the 1996 European Championships.

Alexi Lalas, one of the forces behind the Americans' drive into the second round of the World Cup this summer, said he doesn't think a cash incentive is needed, but insisted his team can take the money and run.

"We've beaten England before and we can do it again," Lalas said. "Wembley will make it tougher but all the sweeter if we succeed.

The 24-year-old defender, now playing for Italian first division club Padova, scored in the Americans' 2-0 win over England in the U.S. Cup in Boston last year. It was one of the most embarrassing

VFB Stuttgart's Ludwing Koegl (left) and Rico Steinmann of FC Cologne fight for the ball during their German Bundesliga match at Stuttgart's Daimler Stadium Saturday.

Bayern Leverkusen, who

lost both their opening

games, came bouncing back with a 4-0 crushing of Ein-

tracht Frankfurt. Rejuvin-

ated World Cup star Rudy

Voeller, on his return from

Marseille, scored with his head after coming on as a substitute with 73 minutes

In France Cannes stepped

up the pressure on Nantes,

inflicting a rare home defeat

on Bordeaux to move within

one point of the league lead-

The two tied 2-2 (AFP photo)

crowd. Kreuzer (22), Nerlin-

ger (33), and Matthaeus (86)

got the goals.

For Karlsruhe Tarnat

scored two and Knup and

Wueck added the other in the

4-1 win over Duisburg, for whom Koezle pulled one

front of a 57,000 home back.

rersults in English soccer's

proud history.

That game in Boston was a real turning point for the U.N. side," Lalas said. "It gave us a lot of belief in ourselves, and it was a big game for me on a personal level because it established me in the team.

"Now we're older, we've gained a lot more experience and we have a successful World Cup under our belts. Everyone is taking us serious-

The Oct. 7 match will mark the first time the United States has played on the famed "hallowed turf" of Wembley Stadium. It will also be the first time England has put up money for an international friendly.

"We have no competitive matches for the next two years and this was the FA's idea to put a bit of an edge to the game," FA spokesman David Bloomfield said. As the host nation for the 1996 Europeans, England is

exempt the 16-month ordeal

dence after their 5-1 win

against Lyon last week, (5-1),

unsettled the reshuffled Bor-

deaux defence from early in

a goal from Delmottee on a

swift counter-attack in the

40th minute. After the break

they consolidated the lead with a penalty from Durix after Delmottee was brought

Bordeaux, facing their first home defeat of the season,

had their chance to pull one back, but Bixente Lizarazu

missed the spot kick after a

Every point counts at this stage of the season with only

five points separating the top

eight teams. But Nantes set-

tled for a 2-2 draw at Mont-

pellier with Pedros scoring both goals after Rizzetto had

put the home side ahead.

Divert scored the equaliser

down in the area.

foul on Fournier.

They got their reward with

of qualifying.

Indurain said to fail dope test in France

PARIS (AP) — Four-time Tour de France champion Miguel Indurain's looming assault on the one-hour cycling record was overshadowed Monday by suspicion that he used a French-restricted drug

in a race in May.

But though the drug, Salbutamol, is subjected to certain controls in France that Indurain may have violated, international cycling officials said the Spanish rider met their standards.

"It's absolutely not doping," said Hein Verbruggen, president of the International Cycling Union, or UCI. "It is a typical French problem.... absolute nonsense." Indurain was to return

from Pamplona, Spain, to

Bordeaux on Monday, where he is to make a muchheralded record bid Friday. According to reports at the world cycling championships in Sicily, which Indurain bypassed, the Spanish rider tested positive for taking Salbutamol during the Tour

d'Oise in May. Indurain won the three-day French race. The drug is allowed in most sporting rules is permitted only by prescription — and even then only in a nasalspray form approved on a case-by-case basis.

Indurain used the drug in "ventoline," a nasal inhaler

to improve respiration. Jose Miguel Echavarri, director of Indurain's Tour de France team, Banesto, said that Indurain has been taking the drug for his asthma

but sees nothing wrong.
- "Salbutamol is a medicine subject to prescription," Echavarri said. "Everyone spring and the doctor gives him what he can. And he can give him this medicine bepe M

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cause it's not banned." Salbutamol is accepted by the sport's governing body because of its therapeutic value, if not taken in great amounts. "Ventoline" is allowed. But the French Cycling

Federation medical commission, whose rules do not always conform with the union. issues verdicts on the drug case-by-case. Indurain has been refused.

The cycling union's list of banned drugs is the same as that of the International Olympic Committee, which is meeting in Paris this week.
"The International Olym-

pic Committee (IOC) sup-ports Indurain and the UCI in this affair," said Prince
-Alexandre de Merode, president of the IOC medical com-

"The rules of the UCI are reasonable and clear," the prince said. "For us, he is not positive, an athlete has the right, like everyone, to care

for himself." A French commission is expected to meet Sept. 6 to decide whether any penalties or suspensions are war-

Indurain's Tout de France titles would not be affected

by the ruling. He passed all the drug tests during the 23day race in July.

French rider Laurent Madouas tested positive for Salbutamol in February. He was given a neverimplemented one-month suspension after informing doctors he had a prescription in

knows that Miguel suffers in Morceli misses out on

RIETI, Italy (R) — Algerian Noureddine Morceli, bidding to shatter a world record in this Italian town for the third straight year, failed in his assault on the 5,000 metre mark late Sunday.

Morceli had his sights fixed on the time of 12 minutes with eight minutes to go. St. Etienne, top scorers in 56.96 seconds set by Ethiothe league, steamrolled Le pian Haile Gebresilasie ear-Havre 4-1 with a hat-trick lier this year but ended up almost 11 seconds outside from Laurent Blanc keeping them in contention in third that time, clocking 13:07.88 on a hot, late summer afterplace in the league. Lens, in fourth place, were held 1-1 at Nice and Lyon,

American sprinter Jon bouncing back from that Drummond equalled his perembarrassing thrashing by Cannes, held Auxerre to a sonal best of 9.99 seconds to hand British world, Olympic and European champion Lin-Paris St. Germain won the ford Christie a r re defeat. glamour fixture of the day, Kenyan Benson Koech, 19.

edging out Monaco 1-0 with a demonstratred his potential goal from Weah in the 52nd by clocking the best 800 metres time of the year — Caen were celebrating too. one minute 43.17 seconds -They won for the first time as he beat compatriot and this season, 2-0 at home to Olympic champion William Metz with two first half goals Tanui into second place. In the Netherlands un-

But Morceli, 24, was the man everyone had come to see at the annual international meeting in this town in the hills some 80 km (50 miles) north of Rome. Morceli, world record hol-

der in the 1,500 metres, mile

5,000 metres record and 3,000 metres, could not add to his collection despite a storming start.

He was more than four

seconds ahead of Gebresilasie's time at the 2,000 metres mark but the record began to slip away from that point.

Morceli clocked 7:50.02 at

3,000 metres — still just up on the Ethiopian's pace when he set the record in the Dutch town of Hengelo - but below his target of 7:45.
"After 3,000 metres I got

stomach ache and my throat was very dry. It was very hot," said Morceli after a race run in a temperature of 25 degrees Celsius.

"There's plenty of time to take the record. I'm only 24 and I think that (Moroccan Said) Aouita was 27 when he set his 5,000 metre record," added Morceli, who said he might attack the mark again in Spain next month.

Aouita held the record from 1987 until Gebresilasie broke it in June.

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20 in hospital after Greek fans riot

ATHENS (R) - A police officer and a spectator were in hospital with serious head injuries after rioting by soccer fans on the opening day of the Greek season Sunday. Another 18 people were treated at hospital in the northern Greek town of Drama after rival fans hurled stones at each other during a match between Olympiakos and local team Doxa. Police said the fighting continued after the end of the match in the streets around the stadium as fans clashed with riot police. Parked cars were damaged and shop windows smashed. Olympiakos won the match 1-0.

De Merode denies L.A. cover-up

PARIS (AFP) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) drugs chief Prince Alexandre de Merode denied Monday newspaper allegations that there was a cover-up at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. "Test findings from the last day were, indeed, destroyed before we could examine them," the IOC medical commission president said. "But it was certainly not a deliberate cover-up attempt. The results of five positive drugs tests were removed from the commission room the day after the closing ceremony and shredded by cleaners. There was nothing we could do about it but I'm convinced it was a simple accident." He said that the five competitors from the last day athletic finals, which included the men's 1,500m, may have escaped a ban. "But they may well have been able to explain why prohibited substances had been found. A positive test does not automatically mean someone is guilty," de Merode said. British newspaper and television reports had said the results of nine positive tests had been shredded but claims that the Los Angeles laboratory was instructed to stop testing were later denied by the lab chief.

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Organisers have postponed a 10,000-kilometre (6,000-mile) run from ancient Olympia to Sarajevo which was aimed at uniting the former Yugoslavia's warring peoples, because of the ongoing bostilities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. "The ultra marathon starts tomorrow. But there will be difficulties in its finish," Paul Anastasi, one of the organisers, said Monday. "The United Nations has said that it cannot guarantee the safety of runners in Bosnia," he told a news conference. About 50 numers, headed by Holland's 1982 European marathon champion, Gerhard Nijboer, will start out from ancient Olympia for the all-marble Olympic Stadium in Athens, where the modern Olympics were born in 1896, said Anna Maratos, another organiser. This is a distance of 332

Atletico buys Colombian striker Valencia

MADRID, Spain (AP) --- Atletico de Madrid's Colombian coach Francisco Maturana is counting on the scoring skills of fellow countryman Adolfo Valencia who was presented Monday as the club's new striker. The 26-year-old forward was signed from Germany's Bayern Munich this weekend for three seasons. No details of the transfer were released but news reports said the German club was paid 375 million pesetas (\$2.8 million). The striker, who scored two goals for Colombia in the World Cup this summer in the United States, is nicknamed "the train" because of his speed and force of his attacking moves.

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clarer drew the outstanding trumps, then ducked a heart. The heart return was taken with the ace and all the trumps were run. Had a defender held four clubs and four hearts it would have been impossible to retain length in both suits. As it was, West was able to hold four clubs while Rast kept a heart winner, so the result was down one.

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When it comes to taking a finesse, two things distinguish experts from the average player. The masters will spurn many finesses that an everyday player takes as a matter of course and the pros will take some finesses that the ordinary player doesn't even consider.

South would have made life easier for partner by first doubling three

There was a better line available thanks to the ten of clubs in dummy. After drawing the trumps, declarer should have led a club to the ten. That stood a 50 percent chance of succeeding, far better odds than the squeeze. As the cards lie, the finesse would have won and declarer would have been able to get two heart discards from the table on high chibs. A heart ruff in dummy would have produced the 12th trick, with declarer losing only one heart trick. SUPER DELUXE APARTMENT

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Schumacher's title charge could come to grinding halt

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium (R) — Michael Schumacher and the Benetton team may have contributed to their own problems which led to the German championship leader's sensational disqualification from

Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix.
This became clear early Monday morning — more than nine hours after the race ended and four hours after the 25-year-old German had been excluded from the result - when it was revealed that a rival team designer had warned before the race of an

impending disqualification.

Alan Jenkins, technical director for the Arrows team. told reporters he feared at least one car might run into problems because of the difficulties of choosing the correct dry weather set-up at the Spa-Francorchamps circuit

after two days of heavy rain. Jenkins explained that all the cars and teams, in attempting to maximise the downforce for their cars, might choose as low a rideheight as possible. But, he warned, this could

lead to problems with too much wear of the wooden skidblock under the car. Jenkins was quoted by one German reporter as saying: "There will probably be at least one car disqualified af-

ter this race today." None of the teams had been able to test at the circuit before the race and they had no opportunity to practise their dry-weather set-ups until the warm-up lap before the

This meant the cars, with the new skidblocks, had not lapped the track in dry conditions before.

Schumacher, who finished

Damon Hill, was excluded from the result more than Francorchamps track. five bours after taking the chequered flag because the skidblock on his Benetton car

was undersized, according to a report from the Formula One technical delegte Charlie Whiting. The block, a plank of wood placed under the car to make it slower on safety grounds, was 1.6 mm thinner than the permitted minimum thick-

ness of 9 mm in some areas

near the front of the car, said

Whiting's report. The team claimed Schu-macher had had "technical problems" with his car after his first pit-stop and said also that this may have resulted in his lurid spin, on lap 19, when the plank may have been damaged by scraping across

The plank was introduced to reduce the aerodynamic efficiency of the underneath of the cars, and therefore make them slower, at the German Grand Prix in July. The plank has made the

cars slower, but in most cases more stable. Teams attempt to gain maximum performance from their cars by running with the lowest rideheight possible, but this - as Jenkins pointed out - risks rubbing the plank against the track, kerbs or any bumps and reducing its thickness to an illegal size.

Schumacher is understood to have been seriously concerned at the ride-height of his car on Sunday before the race and asked for it to be raised by one millimetre after the pre-race warm-up lap, 30 minutes before the race started.

The team, in guessing at the best dry-weather set-up the race first comfortably for the car, may have selected ahead of his title rival Briton a ride-height which was too

The Benetton team appealed against the disqualification, but it is now feared this third successive dispute with the International Automobile Federation (FIA) will bring Schumacher's onceinvincible charge towards becoming the youngest champion in Formula One history

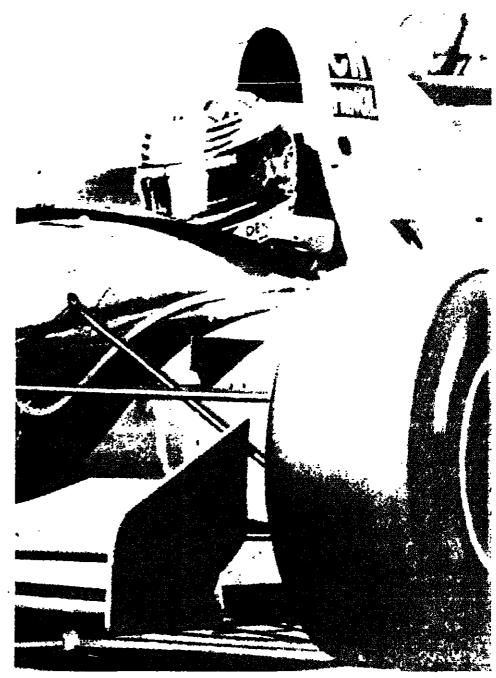
to a grinding halt. Having won the first four races of the season and six of the opening eight, Schu-macher and his Benetton team have been hit since the British Grand Prix at Silverstone by a series of self-inflicted mishaps, accidents and allegations of cheating which have wounded team

Schumacher is due to face a FIA board of appeal in Paris on Tuesday to appeal against his two-race ban and six points deduction for ignoring a black flag at Silverstone in July.

The team has to face the FIA's World Motor Sport Council Sept. 7 to answer charges of illegally tampering with a refuelling rig before the German Grand Prix when Dutchman Jos Verstappen's Benetton car was engulfed in flames during a refuelling

Sunday's disqualification resulted in Hill being made the winner of the race in Belgium and, at a stroke, reduced Schumacher's lead from 35 points to 21.

If Schumacher loses his appeal in Paris Tuesday and is banned from the next two races, it will give Hill a perfect opportunity to relaunch his own challenge for the championship and draw within a point of the German



Michael Schumacher

Eltingh and Wiesner win at **OTB** international tennis open

the Netherlands beat American Chuck Adams in the men's final of the OTB international tennis open late Sunday while Austrian Judith Wiesner defeated Latvian Larisa Neiland to take the

women's title. Eltingh beat Adams 6-3, 6-4 in a battle of non-seeds to earn \$42,000.

Eltingh also earned a meastire of revenge. Last week in New Haven, Adams eliminated him in the first round of the Volvo International. "A week ago, I beat him so

I guess he got me back in a more important situation," Adams said. "I owe him one back.' Replied Eltingh: "Next

time, you can have it again, especially if it's a firstrounder. I'll take the next

Eltingh had two opportunities to break Adams and took advantage of both. He went up 3-1 in the first set and both players held serve the rest of the way. Eltingh again broke Adams at 44 of the second

SCHENECTADY, New Set. He finished the match by forcing Adams into a return "All of a sudden at 5-4, she York (R) - Jacoo Eltingh of forcing Adams into a return

serve."
"He played a perfect match for his game," said Adams. "He served great and put a lot of pressure on me to hold serve. The eighth-seeded Wiesner

knocked off Neiland, the unseeded defending champion. 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 to earn \$27,000. The title was Wiesner's first since she won at Stras-

bourg in 1992. "It's been two years, so I'm really happy," Wiesner said.
"I was only seeded eighth. I thought it was a pretty even draw and anybody could win

it so I was happy.' Neiland appeared to wilt after a gruelling week. Four of her five singles matches went to three sets. She also played a full week of doubles to win that title with Mere-

dith McGrath. Neiland led the first set 5-2 but then lost six consecutive games, dropping the first set in the process. She came back to win the second set, but had almost nothing left for the

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point, I thought she would stop," Wiesner said. "She took a long time between points and dragged herself

around the court.

Wiesner added: "Her game is erratic, but sometimes she produces outstanding shots. You just have to wait and wait. I tried to stay calm and wait for my

Neiland beat Wiesner last year in the quarterfinals here on the way to winning the title. It was the only time Neiland has beaten Wiesner in five meetings.

"I will be back next year," Wiesner said. "I hope so." Wiesner was referring to published reports that the women's side of the tournament might be eliminated next year.

Chief organiser Davis Etkin denied the reports but said the women's tournament would be "evaluated" along with the rest of the event.

Red hot Russian Kafelnikov wins Hamlet Cup tournament

- Red hot Russian Yevgeny surge up the world's tennis ladder Sunday by beating Cedric Pioline of France 5-7. 6-1. 6-2 in the final of the \$313,750 Waldbaum's Ham-

let Cup.
The 20-year-old Kafelnikov, who was ranked 148th last August and started the year at number 104, was ranked eighth Monday when the new rankings were re-

The Hamlet Cup, the U.S. Open warmup where last year Kafelnikov had to qualify to reach the main draw, became the fifth-seeded Russian's third tournament victory. Beating the sixthseeded Pioline gave him a 51-19 match record since

World number one Pete Sampras, who is 57-6 this year, and third-ranked French Open champion Sergi Bruguera, who is 55-16 are the only other players with 50

match wins. 'The 18th-ranked Pioline,

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COMMACK, New York (R) who lost in last year's U.S. in the 11th game.

Open final to Sampras, suffeat in a final. He has yet to win a tournament since turning pro in 1989.

"Pioline looked tired. Maybe he was sick," Kafelni-

kov said, "He had a trainer come out." Pioline said he wanted the

trainer to give him medicine in the second set as a precaution because his stomach "felt funny." He insisted: "I wasn't sick." Pioline outlasted Kafelni-

kov in an error-filled first set that included five service breaks. The Russian rallied from 0-3 to reach a 5-all tie but a doublefault and a baseline error erased his 40-15 lead as Pioline broke service

took his stomach medicine and managed to hold service in the fourth game.

Kafelnikov controlled th third set after Proline opened with a love service. The Russ sian gave up only three points in four service games. reaching 3-1 and winning the

last three games On the eye of the first day of the U.S. Open, Kafelailov said he was physically tited but was looking forward to his first open.

"Maybe my body is too tired. There are tive-set matches at the open," said, "On the other hand, with a day's rest between matches, maybe i'll recover.'

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Fifteen more die in Indian Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AFP) - Indian troops shot dead 13 Muslim militants and two civilians were killed in separate incidents in a renewed flare-up of separatist violence in Kashmir, police and army officials said Monday. The guerrillas' death sparked a protest strike near the site of a gunbattle between the soldiers and the Kashmiri separatists, police said in Srinagar, the turbulent state's summer capital. Army troops raided the village of Shirapur in northern Baramulia district on Sunday to flush out Muslimguerrillas sheltering there. A fierce gunbattle followed. Nine guerrillas of the Hizbul Mujahedeen separatist group were killed and soldiers found a machinegun, rocket launchers, assault rifies and ammunition. Villagers staged a protest strike on Monday saying the soldiers dressed in civilian clothes for the Shirapur raid, had stolen valuables and molested women before killing the Hizbul Mujajedeen fighters. Witnesses said the protests spread to several other villages in the area. Four other Muslim guerrillas were shot vinages in the area. Four other Muslim guerrillas were shot in separatee gunbattles elsewhere in the northern state, a defence minstry spokesman said. Two civilians were also killed. Almost 10,000 people have died in India's only Muslim-majority state since 1989 when Muslim-led insurgency took hold in the partitioned Himalayan province borderite. Pakistan. India holds the southern two-thirds of

Eight killed as rival Kurds battle

ERBIL, Iraq (AFP) — Eight people have been killed in further clashes between rival Kurdish groups in Iraqi Kurdistan despite a ceasefire call from their leaders, officials said here Monday. "There is still heavy fighting," said Ganeem Jawad, an official from the Iraqi National Council (INC), a conficial from the Iraqi National Council (INC), a coalition opposed to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. It includes the two main feuding Kurdish groups — Massud Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and Ialai Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK). Eight more people — five militiamen and three civilians — were reported killed with many others wounded in the area of Qala Diza near the Iranian border, he said. Messers Barzani and Talabani called on their followers on Thursday to stoo the fighting, in which at least 350 people, mostly PUK members, have died this month, according to Kurdish officials.

Brasilin Willeam of Scially stopped — Kuwait

KUWAIT (AP) - inditration from Iraq has virtually stopped since Karon sing a defensive trench along the disputed border restier this year, the Al Watan daily reported Monday. It quoted the interior minister, Sheikh All All Substitutes and survey that before the trench was completed, security in test were arresting between 19 to 25 inflituteurs at the law it is one or two every four months. Shell it All tild not give the nationalities of the infiltrators, but horder guards have told the Associated Press that they in the a track as well as workers from Asian and African was a who claim they were not making enough money to only food in Iraq. The 210-kilometres trench is three increa-deep and five metre wide. It can be climbed with difficulty, but it is mainly designed to balt vehicles. Sheigh All said the number of infiltrators was "normal" and the list "indicate any dauger." More than three years after a U.S.-led coalition liberated Kuwait from a serial month irrej occupation, the oil-rich emirate still fears author aggression from Iraq.

Ficeds and storms kill 87

ADDIS ABABA (AFP) - Violent storms and flooding killed 87 people and left more than 6,000 other homeless in Ethiopia last week, state-run radio reported Monday, Three people were swept away by floodwates in the capital Addis Ababa on Friday when torrential rain caused streams that cross the city to burst their banks, destroying about the homes of some 3,000 people. The storm also one of the city's Zewditu Hospital, and Ethiopian Red Cross workes evacuated about 20 critically-ill patients, the radio said. The radio added that rain and hailstorm also swept across the northern Woels region of the country, where 84 people drowned in flocking and almost 6,000 head of cattle were lost. About 3,240 people in Woela province were left homeless and 240 hectares of cultivated land were devastated, the radio said.

Oman cracks islamic militant network

MUSCAT (AFP) - Oman said Sunday it had dismantled a network of foreign-sponsored Islamic militants - the first in the country. The official Omani news agency ONA said the militants were linked to "foreign parties, financially and for their organisation." ONA did not name the foreign parties involved. The agency said security forces had arrested "more than 200 people who made up this underground network" over the past few weeks. It accused them of "using the Muslim faith as a smokescreen to sow sedition in Omani Muslim society and undermine national unity." On Saturday. Western diplomats in Muscat said more than 200 Islamic activists had been detained in an unprecedented crackdown launched in May and which was still going on. The diplomats said those arrested included politicians, soldiers, university lecturers and students. Some were released after being questioned, the sources

Egyptian minister appeals court ruling

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's education minister has appealed against a court ruling on the wearing of veils that blocked government attempts to curb Islamic influence in schools. In his appeal presented at the higher administrative court Sunday Hussein Kamel Bahaa Al Din argued that the law gave him authority over all matters concerning pupils and school life. The court decided to give its verdict on the appeal from Sept. 4. The Cairo administrative court on Tuesday ordered the suspension of a ministerial decree prohibiting girls from wearing the Islamic veil to school without written permission from their parents. On Friday, Mr. Bahaa Al Dia told the opposition Islamic paper Al Shaab "the ruling is binding and it must be implemented. If the law gives us the right to appeal, then we will appeal." The court said the school uniform was a "general freedom" that the Egyptian constitution protects. It also said the minister went beyond his powers by issuing a decree that could only be plant of by parliament.

NAT pellat to transpos Indians for retrial

DUBAL(A) -- A CHIWI Arab Emirates (UAE) court has asked prince to amendo six indians for retrial for blasphone over the last featured ants eating the bodies of the Prophet Mort a madend Jesus Chrsit, a local newspaper said Monday, root other men have already been in jail for the years from a ting the play in a country that forbids anyone taking mar in, or approving of, anything derogatory to religion. The English-language Khaleej Times quoted officials as arring police in the UAE emirates of Sharjah, waste the play was staged had been asked to instruct the sign of a given fail terms in 1992 then set free on appeal to the state. They had failed to turn up several times aper reported officials as saying it was unit and six warne still in the UAE as their passpares had a substituted to them after they were set free. The six were emong 11 Indian men convicted of blaspnemy in 1992 over an amateur play called "Corpsecating Anis" performed in the southern Indian Malayalam language, which also depicted ants eating the body of Karl Marx, the father of communism.

S. Arabia boycotts Cairo conference

CAIRO (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia will not attend the UN conference on population and development, which is due to be held here early next month amid a hot controversy in the Muslim world, the organisers said Sunday.

"The Saudis officially announced today that they are not coming," UN spokes-woman Van Kanpen told AFP. She said she did not know the reasons.

A Saudi embassy official in Cairo said he was unaware of any such decision.

An Egyptian foreign ministry spokesman also said Egypt had not been advised. but pointed out that the UN were usually informed first. Saudi Arabia, one of the strictest countries in implementing Islamic law, is the first state to announce it will not be attending the confer-

Meanwhile, the head of the Organisation of Islamic Conference demanded that the draft resolutions for the conference be revised and brought into line with Islamic

Hamid Al Gabidi, secretary general of the Jeddah-based OIC, told the English anguage Tehran Times that at least 'three major aspects of the resolutions are contrary to sharia," Islamic law, including the right to have an abortion.

The other two were liberalising pre-martial relationships and giving children "unlimited freedom to resist parental pressure," he was quoted as saying.

"For these reasons, all Muslim countries believe that the anti-Muslim provisions should be omitted from the population draft.

Mr. Gabidi, who was in Iran to attend a seminar on Bosnia, however urged Islamic countries to participate in the population conference so they can amend the resolu-

Iranian Health Minister Alireza Marandi said on Sunday that Iran would take part in the conference to make its position known and make suggestions for correcting parts of the draft plan.

He said parts of the action plan on population control were "completely vague and contained double-meanings" and had to be rectified.

The authors of the document were "mainly Westerners and Western-educated people whose moral ideas differed" with those held in Islamic Iran, he said.

In Warsaw, Polish President Lech Walesa has criticised the U.N. document's stand on abortion as simplistic and short on ethical

"Soch delicate matters as the passing-down of life and the family as well as society's moral and material development have been dealt with in a simplistic and superficial manner," Mr. Walesa said in a letter to conference participants.
"I was filled with true

alarm by the document's tendency to regard abortion as a method of controlling population growth and the proposal to have it recognised as such worldwide without any limitations."

"I was surprised that such an angust circle of U.N. experts and scholars... should give precedence to practical considerations over ethical ones," Mr. Walesa said.
He warned this would cre-

ate a generation of "insensitive people indifferent to the values that constitute the essence of humanity."

Mr. Walesa's letter was in response to an 118-page draft final report which will be discussed at the Cairo confer-

Poverty results not only from overpopulation but also from unjust social relations, ethnic struggle, economic mismanagement and excessive arms spending, Mr. Walesa said.

"I speak out as someone who has spent years fighting for human rights and freedoms," wrote the former Solidarity trade union leader, a devout Catholic and father of eight.

"Among them is every human being's right to life which cannot be overshadowed by other benefits, especially economic issues.'

Iraq says embargo in 'last days'

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - U.N. monitoring. irag's Al Inawra Gaily. mouthpiece of the ruling Baath Party, said Monday that the U.N. trade embargo imposed four years ago is "in its last days" amid an intensifying diplomatic campaign to make the crippling sanctions lifted.

But Kuwait and other Gulf states were reported to be pressing the U.N. Security Council not to staff a test period for the monitoring of Iraq's weapons programmes, which could improve prespects for easing the fouryear-old embargo as early as next year, until Baghdad formally recognises Kuwait's

sovereignty. The official Iraqi news agency, monitored in Nicosia, quotes Al Thawra as saying that the visit to Iraq of a Turkish commercial delegation to discuss resuming business signals that support for the embargo is crumbling.

It asserted that Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's recent declaration that the border with Iraq, closed since 1990, will soon reopen for trade was "a step that means in practice a partial break in the sanctions.'

The newspaper noted that Turkey, Iraq's northers neighbour and a major trading partner before the sametions were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, "is not along in this

position." "Other states, including Russia, have made it clear that their interests are being threatened as a result of the embargo," Al Thawra said.

Turkey, gripped by econonic crisis, claims it has lost \$20 billion because of the sanctions and has been bolstering its relations with Baghdad in recent months.

The Ai Thawra report was likely aimed primarily at boosting the morale of Iraq's 18 million people, who are enduring severe hardship because of the sanctions. But it came amid intensifying diplomatic activity over the.

embargo. Three of the five permanent members of the Security Council - Russia, China and France — have been urging a softer line on Iraq now that it is complying with U.N. resolutions on dismantling its weapons of mass destructison and permitting long-term Kuwait's sovereignty.

The United States and Britain, the other two permanent members of the council, insist Iraq must also meet other U.N. conditions, including abandoning its claim of sovereignty over Kuwait, before the sanctions can be

Baghdad has in recent weeks stepped up its diplomatic campaign to win support for ending the embargo, sending senior envoys to world capitals ahead of the Security Council's regular 60-day review of the sanctions scheduled for Sept.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Sahaf returned to Baghdad late Sunday from visits to China and Pakistan

China's Deputy Foreign Minister, Wans Shang Yen, visited Baghdad in June and said Beijing was "working so that the Security Council will take a positive position" on

In advance of next month's review, Iraq has been dangling the promise of a statement on Kuwait's sovereignty and the return of hundreds of Kuwaitis still believed to languishing in Iraqi prisons. But so far it has stopped

short of a formal, unequivocal recognitison of Kuwait. The Middle East Economic Survey reported Monday that Kuwait and other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council - Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain want the Security Council to ensure that the planned test

until Baghdad formally recognises Kuwait's sovereignty, The monitoring had been expected to start next month for a six-month trial period. But MEES said there are now signs that this could be

period for the long-term

monitoring does not begin

postponed until November. "If so, the main reason behind the delay could well be the Kuwait recognistion issue," the authoritative oil industry newsletter said.

The GCC move will un-

doubtedly be backed by the United States and Britain. MEES noted, too, that Russia, China and France "have been exhibiting impatience regarding Baghdad's continued procrastination" on the issue of recognising northern Cyprus early Mon-day rejected reunifying the war-divided island in a U.N.proposed bi-zonal federation with rival Greeks, seriously undermining efforts to end 20

Turks invaded and seized the northern one-third of the is-The 30-16 vote annulied land after a short-lived coup two previous parliamentary decisions in 1984 and 1985 which declared that federation was the only solution for the Cyprus problem, trig-

Greek Cypriots adamantly

Athens and Ankara governments to formulate new strategies with the rival Cypriot communities.

unification effort.

He pledged that Athens will support moves for a reunited island "with all

This struggle will stop only when the last occupyuing soldier withdraws from Cyprus and when conditions that will allow a smooth and happy life for the whole of the people of the Cyprus republic will be created," he

to consult leaders of the Turkish Cypriot minority, who

peace in the region, based on Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, according to the In a message read to non-"Without development, governmental organisations hopes for peace will soon turn to despair without pro-

(NGOs), opening an annual three-day meeting in Geneva to study the question of Palestine. Mr. Boutros Ghali said the organisations' role was crucial to the future of the West Bank and Gaza. "The peace accords have

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GENEVA (R) — United Na-

tions Secretary General

Boutros Ghali said on Mon-

day that economic and social

development of the West

Bank and Gaza was the

"essential base" for building peace throughout the Middle

He urged that empower-

ment arrangements that were

signed yesterday between Israel and the Palestine Li-

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be implemented quickly so

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autonomy in health, educa-

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This would be "yet another

milestone" on the way to a

NICOSIA (AP) — The par-liament of the breakaway

Turkish Cypriot state in

gered by the 1974 Turkish

invasion of east Mediterra-

The 50-member assembly

also called for closer econo-

mic and defence integration

with Turkey to counter

Greek Cypriot moves for

closer links with Athens,

moves that make the U.N.

effort immeasurably more

Hakku Aton, the break-

away statelet's prime minis-

ter, declared during a 12-hour debate that ended after

midnight (2100 GMT Sun-day): "Unless this peaceful

warning is given to the

Greeks who have irresponsi-

ble steps, they will continue

The assembly resolution

said scrapping federation as a

solution was necessary be-

cause of Greek Cypriot

efforts to join the European Union, a development Tur-

kish Cypriot leader Rauf De-

nktash calls a back-door

move for union with Greece.

osed by the Democracy Par-

ty, senior partner in the

north's coalition government,

and the main opposition fac-tion, the National Unity Par-

The assembly's decision

The resolution was prop-

to take further such steps."

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been prepared by diplomats and negotiators. It is now your special responsibility to help turn these agreements into tangible benefits for the Palestinians.

The secretary-general said: "Economic and social de-

velopment : of the West Bank and Gaza is an essential basis for peace-building in the whole region .

ductive, meaningful employment, the young will be rest-less," he added.

He noted two major projects, to clean up Gaza and to provide housing to Palesti-nian police, had been launched by the Palestinian Authority and the U.N. Development Programme under the overall guidance of the newly-appointed U.N. special coordinator for the occupied territories, Terje Rod Larsen.

comprehensive and lasting **Turkish Cypriots reject** U.N. reunification proposal

was widely seen as slamming the door on a new effort by U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali to revive stalled reunification talks on the basis of a federal solution. Cyprus has been cut in two since July 1974, when the

by supporters of union with The Turkish Cypriot parliament demanded recognition of the breakaway statelet, which was proclaimed in 1983, a move the

The United Nations deemed the northern statelet illegal when it was founded. Only Turkey recognised it.

The Foreign Cypriot vote came amid moves by the

Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias arrived Sunday and began talks Monday in Nicosia, the island's divided capital, with Greek Cypriot leaders on the stalled

declared.

Turkey's Foreign Minister Mumtaz Soysal is scheduled to visit the north Wednesday comprise about 18 per cent of the island's 700,000-strong

population. These visits stem from Dr. Boutros Ghali's request last week to all parties involved in the Cyprus problem to say whether they will accept a new round of talks on the basis of Security Council Resolution 939 of July 29.

That reaffirmed the council position that a settlement must be based on a bicommunal, bi-zonal federation with a single sovereign excluding any form of parti-

tion or secession. President Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, has accepted the U.N. formula. But Mr. Denktash, president of the northern republic, rejected it and asked the Turkish Cypriot parliament to

endorse his decision. Dr. Boutros-Ghali's reuest was also addressed to Britain, Greece and Turkey, co-signatories of a 1960 treaty guaranteeing the island's independence from Britain.

Earlier rounds of U.N. sponsored talks have foundered because of Turkey's rejection of Security Council resolutions demanding the withdrawal of an estimated 35,000 Turkish troops and 50,000 mainland settlers from

the north. The Greek Cypriots also demand the return to the north of 200,000 of their people who fled or were driven out during the invasion. Some 40,000 Turkish Cyp-riots moved north at that

Mr. Denktash is adamant that his breakaway state must be given international recognition. He also rejects allowing Greek Cypriot refugees to return to the north

20 hurt as English civil war battle goes wrong

WITNEY, England (R) -

Twenty people were hurt Sunday when a wall of flame raced across a field after a reenactment of a battle from England's 17th-century civil war got out of control. Burning wadding from a 300-yearold cannon, fired by the Sealed Knot Historical Society. set alight a field of stubble. Participants, in full costume as Republican Roundheads and Royalist Cavaliers, fled with spectators but 20 people were treated for minor burns and smoke inhalation, police said. "The flames raced through the car park and everyone ran different ways. Everybody just panicked. Flames rushed under the parked cars, I saw at least two ignite," one eyewitness said. Some 30 cars were damaged and a few destroyed in the mishap in a deer park at Witney near the city of Oxford in central England. The Sealed Knot, named after a royalist secret society, was recreating the Battle of Win-drush Valley which took place nearby before Oliver Cromwell's parliamentarians won the war in 1645, beheaded King Charles and founded a short-lived repub-

Thieves break into U.K. jail, steal safe

LONDON (R) — Burglars broke into a British jail and stole a safe containing £750 (\$1,165), much of it prisoners' wages, the Daily Telegraph newspaper reported Monday. Prison authorities said the thieves, who cut through a seven-foot (twometre) perimeter fence and forced two doors at the open jail near Wetherby in north-ern England, could have had inside information. Inmates were now complaining about lax security, the paper said...

3 Taiwan convicts escape after drugging guards

TAIPEI (R) - Three Taiwan convicts broke out of a Taipei jail by climbing over a wall after drugging two guards, tying up a third and stealing a uniform, police said Monday. Police launched an islandwide hunt for the three after their jailbreak Sunday, a police spokesman said. The three knocked outtwo guards with drugged tea during an exercise period, tied up a third and stole a uniform before scaling the prison wall with a ladder, police said. Two were serving life sentences for robbery and murder and the third man was doing a 13-year term,

U.K. faces shortage of burial space — report

LONDON (R) - Britain is

under pressure to empower

local authorities to disinter human remains and reuse graves to help overcome the shortage of space in the country's cemeteries, the Financial Times reported Monday. The newspaper quoted Ian Hussein, national secretary of the Institute of Burial and Cremation Administration, as saying the issue was one the government would have to face sooner or later because of a worsening problem with burial space in London and other large cities. The institute, representing the administrators of Britain's cemeteries and crematoria, has drawn up proposals that would allow local authorities to make room for new bodies in old graves by placing the original occupants remains in new caskets and burying them deeper. The newspaper said authorities would be able to do this on plots where 75 years had elapsed since the last interment, but living relatives would be able to renew their family's rights over the site for a further 75 years. "It is not clear how ministers would react, but the idea has not been ruled out," said the Financial Times. It quoted. Scottish Office Minister Allan Stewart as saying in a parliamentary reply: "The reuse of graves would involve the disturbance of remains, which would be unacceptable to many people, and the implications would need careful and sensitive consideration."

Bhutto cancels Gaza visit

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Mr. Rabin had added: This whole business is a storm in a teacup. We have no problem with this lady or any one of her representatives visiting the Gaza Strip.'

However Communications

Minister Shulamit Aloni interrupted him before reporters, saying, "Manners would allow this lady to enter Gaza," Mr. Arafat protested Monday after the Pakistani ambassador from Tunis was prevented from entering Gaza at the Rafah crossing

point on Sunday. The PLO leader made the protests in meetings at Gaza City with Western and Chinese diplomats, a PLO official told AFP. Pakistan's ambassador to

Egypt indicated on Israeli radio that Bhutto would not visit the Strip if it meant contact with Israel. "She will not come to Gaza.

under these circumstances where our ambassador is not allowed to pass through the checkpoint without going through the Israeli authorities," ambassador Allam said from Cairo. "We don't have relations,

we don't recognise Israel. We are not visiting Israel, we are visiting Gaza." Mr. Shaath charged Israel with a "gross violation" of the autonomy accord. "For

countries with no relations with Israel, Palestinians have the right to grant visas, with security clearance from Israel," he said. According to Mr. Shaath the Palestinians informed

Israel two days earlier of the ambassador's plans and received no response. However, Israeli negotiator General Danny Roth-

schild said the Palestinians first said the ambassador would arrive Saturday, later that he would probably not turn up then he arrived unexpectedly on Sunday. Gen. Rothschild said Israel needed time to consider the visit and had yet to take a decision.

Mr. Sheath went on: What happened will hurt (Israeli) attempts to normalise relations with Islamic countries and is totally uncalled for."

The PLO official found some unexpected support from Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal.

"We should have let the ambassador in and told him to coordinate in advance next time. Israel has nothing to hide and every interest that the head of an Islamic country passes through an Israeli border post to visit Gaza," he

Pakistani television quoted Ms. Bhutto as saying the purpose of her visit was to show support for the Palestinian people and would involve no direct or indirect contact with Israel.

